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Portfolio £22,000 to be won

There is £22,000 to be won in The Times Portfolio competition today...

Another round to Sharon

A New York jury found in favour of Mr Daniel Sharon, Israel's former Defence Minister...

Rajiv's aides held for spying

Seven Indian Government officials, some of them working in the office of Mr Rajiv Gandhi...

Glue abuse

Variations on glue sniffing, including the release of fire extinguishers into the street...

Bid for Dunlop

RTR, one of Britain's largest industrial holding companies, has made a bid for Dunlop Holdings...

Lords on camera

The House of Lords goes on the air on Wednesday with broadcasts of the day's proceedings...

NHS post

A businessman aged 50 with no previous health service experience has been appointed general manager of the East Anglia Regional Health Authority...

Laker offer

A formal offer to settle the \$1,000 million Laker Airways litigation in the US could be made within a month...

Debts in blood

Scores will be bloodily settled among South Lebanon's refugee Christians, Muslims and Palestinians when the Israelis pull out in a month's time...

'Steptoe' dies

Wilfrid Brambell, who was a rag-and-bone man in the BBC television series Steptoe and Son...

Sporting times

A rare British success in winter sports: Nash and Dixon's high-flying gold medal at the 1984 Winter Olympics...

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Notts miners in secret coal board meetings

By Craig Seton

Senior officials of the National Coal Board and the new leaders of the moderate Nottinghamshire area of the National Union of Mineworkers...

Meetings have taken place frequently, according to one coal board source. On the agenda has been a likely end to the overtime ban...

Taking part in the meetings were Mr Roy Lusk, the area financial secretary, who is now general secretary...

Senior officials at the board's London headquarters said last night that the union in Nottinghamshire would have to be reorganised...

The board was happy to make clear to the Nottinghamshire leaders that communications and negotiations between the two sides could normally be established on issues quickly discussed at national level...

One board source said yesterday: "It is obvious that the coal board and the Government are not going to turn their backs on people who have kept the lights on all winter..."

The meetings have taken place during the last two weeks and it has been suggested that where they realize there has to be a negotiated settlement...

Mr Arthur Scargill, president of the National Union of Mineworkers, said yesterday that the pit strike, now in its tenth month, was about to enter a "final and decisive stage"...

The board's public indication by the miners' leader that the dispute could be approaching its close was being treated with some reserve by the National Coal Board...

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GLC campaign approved

The Greater London Council was given permission to continue with its controversial £10 million anti-abolition campaign yesterday but it was ordered not to use persuasive slogans...

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Staunchly together: Chancellor Kohl and Mrs Thatcher after yesterday's meeting.

Thatcher stresses VE Day's gift of freedom in Bonn talks

From Michael Binyon, Bonn

Britain will commemorate VE Day in a spirit of 40 years of freedom and peace in Europe, but was opposed to any international celebration...

Telling a press conference of her discussions with Chancellor Helmut Kohl on how the anniversary should appropriately be marked...

The Nottinghamshire union executive is due to meet on Wednesday to discuss future plans, including the overtime ban...

The Prime Minister doubted whether there would be any international celebration, but economic growth in all areas Mrs Thatcher and Herr Kohl expressed strong optimism...

Two of Britain's three largest building societies announced an increase in their mortgage rates of more than 1 per cent yesterday...

The pound failed to gain significantly from Thursday's declaration from the Group of Five finance ministers...

The pound traded above \$1.13 in New York late on Thursday, but was back to \$1.1222 when London closed yesterday for a day's gain of just 37 points...

The dollar, which had dropped to 3.15 against the mark after the Washington declaration, closed at DM3.1755 in London...

The Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, yesterday appeared well pleased with the Group's declaration though British officials stressed that there had been no shift of policy on the pound...

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Blizzards leave West at standstill

By Tony Samstag

At least eight people died and large areas of the West Country and Wales were virtually cut off by heavy snow yesterday...

The West Country was at a virtual standstill after overnight blizzards, and up to eight inches of snow was reported in parts of North Wales...

Abandoned cars and lorries littered roads in Cornwall, Devon, Somerset and Dorset, and conditions in Wiltshire and parts of Hampshire, Kent, Gloucestershire and Aven were described as "dreadful"...

All weekend racing has been cancelled, and prospects for Monday are described as bleak. Today's Ireland-England rugby union international was postponed after a heavy snowfall in Dublin...

Most football matches were postponed, including tomorrow's first division contest between Watford and Manchester United, which was to be televised live...

Two people were found dead in a garage at Lynton Road, Smethwick, West Midlands, where they had kept their car engine running in an apparent attempt to keep warm...

In separate incidents at Ash, Surrey; Bloxham, Oxfordshire, and Great Bedwyn, Wiltshire, three elderly people died in fires thought to have been caused by attempts to keep warm...

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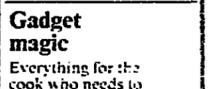
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Role of defence chief emphasized in top services appointments

By Rodney Cowton, Defence Correspondent

There will be a widespread changing of the guard among the holders of the highest appointments in the British armed services during the second half of this year.

The changes include the appointment of Admiral Sir John Fieldhouse to succeed Field Marshal Sir Edw. Bramall as Chief of the Defence Staff in November. They also involve the appointment of new chiefs of staff of the individual services, and of many of their senior commanders.



Admiral Sir John Fieldhouse, Chief of Defence Staff designate.

The selection of Sir John Fieldhouse, at present Chief of Naval Staff, to succeed Field Marshal Bramall was forecast in *The Times* last April. On taking up his new appointment he is expected to be promoted to Admiral of the Fleet.

Brighton bomb aftermath

Tebbit paces return to duties

By Robin Young

Mr Norman Tebbit Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, was able to relax last night at a guest evening in the officers' mess at RAF Halton, his temporary home since he left Stoke Mandeville hospital.

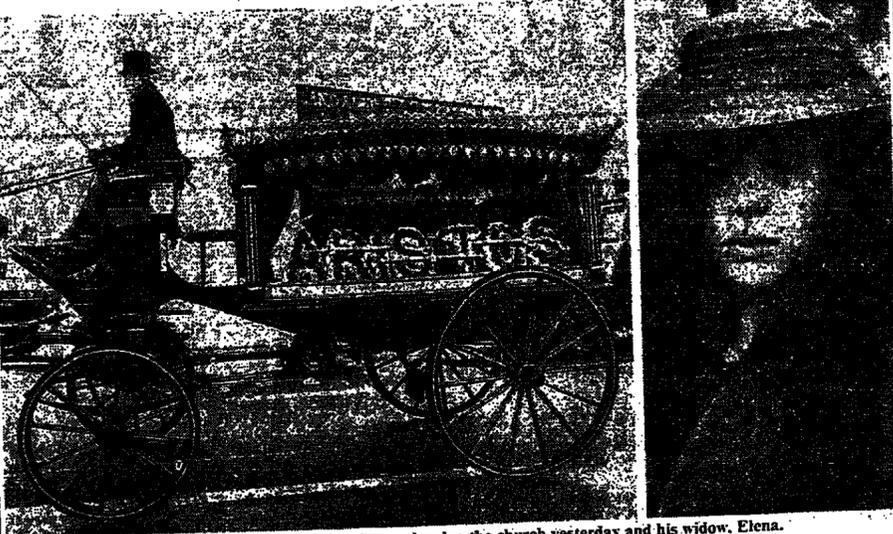
Mr Tebbit has attended the House of Commons twice to speak since first reappearing for Prime Minister's question time a week last Thursday. On Tuesday he was in good

Report on bombing next week

The police inquiry into the Brighton bombing last year is understood to have examined the role of the Special Branch in providing protection and intelligence before the Conservative Party conference (our Crime Reporter writes).

Hattersley attack on far left widens rift

The rift between the Labour leadership and the far left of the parliamentary party widened sharply last night when Mr Roy Hattersley accused the MPs who brought the Commons to a standstill on Thursday of shooting the party in the foot and damaging its electoral prospects.



Mr Constantinou's horse-drawn hearse leaving the church yesterday and his widow, Elena.

Fashion chief 'was victim of jealousy'

The murdered fashion designer Aristos Constantinou, was a victim of jealousy, a Greek Orthodox bishop said yesterday at his funeral.

Crime up 8%, Yard estimates

Scotland Yard is projecting a rise of 8 per cent for serious recorded crime in London last year and laying part of the blame on the manpower demands of the miners' dispute.

Children sniff new substances

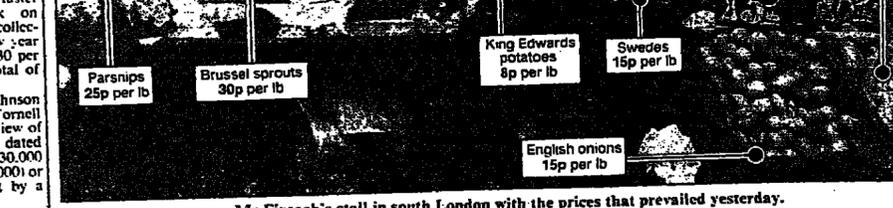
Dangerous new variations on the glue-sniffing craze, including the release of fire extinguishers into the street, were described in the Commons yesterday as a government-backed measure to ban the sale of solvents for sniffing to children under 18 passed its second reading.

Striking miners to visit housebound elderly

Striking miners in south Wales were yesterday organizing a system to keep watch on old people in snowbound valley communities.

Police bill now over £200m

The extra cost of policing the miners' dispute has now exceeded £200 million, and there have been 9,187 arrests. Courts have sent 127 people to prison, and 23 to detention centres, Peter Evans, Our Home Affairs Correspondent writes.



Mr Fiveash's stall in south London with the prices that prevailed yesterday.

Frost sends vegetable prices soaring

Vegetable farmers fear that the frost and blizzards may have affected their crops as badly as the appalling winter of 1963 and say the full extent of the damage will not be known until the thaw starts.

Denial of church rift on VE Day service

By Philip Webster and Clifford Longley

Senior ministers are expecting a national ecumenical church service to mark the fortieth anniversary of the end of the war in Europe. A commemoration at St Paul's or Westminster Abbey is being considered by the Government.

Plans have yet to be made final, but suggestions that the Prime Minister is opposed to the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, leading the service were rejected yesterday. Indeed, Whitehall sources said it was inconceivable that the archbishop, as Primate of All England, would not do so.

The suggestion that Dr Runcie might not be asked to take the proposed service arose over the dissatisfaction of several Conservative MPs, which was shared by the Prime Minister, over the tone of his sermon during the St Paul's service in 1982 marking the end of the Falklands war.

Mr John Stokes, Conservative MP for Halesowen and Stourbridge, asked Mr John Biffen in the Commons on Thursday to ensure if there was a service that the church did not let the nation down.

But sources said yesterday that the two occasions were not strictly comparable. The emphasis in the VE Day celebration will be on reconciliation which has not been achieved since the war and not on a recently won military triumph.

The Conservative backbench gossip about a clash between the Prime Minister and Dr Runcie was also dismissed by Lambeth Palace as "absurd and misleading".

Sources close to the archbishop said Mrs Margaret Thatcher had never conveyed any criticism to Dr Runcie over his sermon at the Falklands service, but on the contrary, had praised him for it.

There has, nevertheless, been little or no traffic between the Government and the Church of England about what form such a service might take, and the church understands the Government as not yet having made up its mind.

Like the Falklands service, however, the church would prefer an Anglican auspices, in such a case Dr Runcie would be the obvious choice as preacher. Any service's form and content would be the church's responsibility, not the Government's. If St Paul's was chosen, for instance, it would be for the Dean and Chapter to invite the main participants.

Hunt for solo uniform payroll

Police hunting the killer of a soldier and a retired Army officer shot on Thursday during a payroll robbery issued a description of a man in a uniform they want to interview. The man was seen near abandoned Army Land Rover in which the victims had been travelling.

Council plan pay cut for TA duties

Greenwich council, which is planning to cut the pay of its employees, has announced that it will reduce the pay of its Territorial Army (TA) reservists.

Sinclair to power

Sinclair's victory in the 1984 general election was a surprise to many, but it was not a surprise to those who had been watching him since he was first elected to the House of Commons in 1974.

Waite is given Libyan promise on detainees

Mr Terry Waite, the Archbishop of Canterbury's envoy, is leaving Libya today, having obtained a promise from senior officials that a decision on the fate of the four British detainees would be made before the middle of next month.

Mr Waite said yesterday: "I understand there will be no announcement about the release of the British detainees until the meeting of General People's Congress has taken place."

That congress, which gathers the opinions of local congresses, is to assemble during the first part of February. Not all the local congresses have ended yet, and their opinions may be swayed by the outcome of the forthcoming trials of six Libyans in Britain on bombing charges.

Mr Waite spent Thursday with the four detainees at their new accommodation outside Tripoli. "It was a very relaxed day," he said. "I felt that their conditions were much more pleasant than they have been. The food is good and they have radio and television and are allowed to walk out into the compound."

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Hunt for man in soldier's uniform after payroll killings

From Ronald Faux, Edinburgh

Police hunting the killer of two soldiers and a retired Army officer shot on Thursday during a payroll robbery near Edinburgh yesterday issued the description of a man in soldier's uniform they want to interview. The man was seen near an abandoned Army Land Rover in which the victims had been travelling.

Mr Hugh Watson, assistant chief constable of Lothian and Borders police, said in Edinburgh the man had been dressed in the uniform of one of the Scottish lowland regiments. Two witnesses saw him at about 10.15 am on the morning of the murders. One noticed him walking away from the Land Rover near Flotterstone Inn. The other said he was running towards the A702, the main Edinburgh to Carlisle road.

Police said the man was in his mid-30s, 5ft 8ins tall, clean shaven with dark hair. He did not appear to be carrying anything. He was dressed in olive-green jersey and trousers with gaiters and black boots and wore a Tam O'Shanter, the headdress of three lowland regiments.

Det. Chief Supt Brian Cunningham said the murders had been a cold-blooded crime. There was no way of telling whether the man seen near the vehicle was a soldier or someone wearing a soldier's uniform. No one had



Mrs Maize with Nourah and Dr Craft with Khaled and Khalil yesterday (Photograph: Harry Kerr).

Triplets' mother answers test-tube critics

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

The mother of test-tube triplets, who are celebrating their first birthday tomorrow, said yesterday that critics of in-vitro fertilisation do not understand the happiness that the treatment has brought her and her family.

"The whole thing is a miracle," Mrs Anne Maize said. "I waited 10 years to have a child and to be given three at once is wonderful. This was my last hope."

However, Mrs Maize said she was in favour of laws being introduced to prevent abuses of IVF treatment and research. "A sensible framework is necessary to prevent the bizarre things that some people warn about ever becoming reality," she said.

Tomorrow Mrs Maize, aged 36, is taking her children, identical boys Khaled and Khalil, and daughter Nourah, to a party at the Cromwell

hospital, London, where the triplets were delivered last year by IVF specialist, Dr Ian Craft. They are likely to be joined by many of the other 30 or more test-tube babies born at the hospital and their parents.

Dr Craft said: "These are all happy families and I think they are the best answer to IVF critics. There are pressure groups which have created an atmosphere against IVF, which is unfortunate because it does nothing to relieve the anxiety of childless couples." According to a survey published in *The Lancet* today, most women undergoing IVF treatment believe doctors and scientists should be given complete freedom to do IVF research.

The survey, involving 20 patients at an IVF unit in Edinburgh, found that 80 per cent of the women thought it acceptable that women being sterilized could donate eggs.

Council plan pay cut for TA duties

Greenwich council south-east London, which is Labour-controlled, is planning to reduce the pay of its employees who take time off to go on territorial army exercises.

The council says that the decision, which will require union agreement, has been made to bring the part-time soldiers into line with employees who take unpaid time off to support peace campaigners at Greenham Common.

A spokesman for the Greater London Territorial Army Association, Colonel William Scrogg, said: "This is the first we have heard of it. The TA is not aware of any other council in London that does this."

Driver is banned for death crash

Cay Brockdorff, aged 19, of Chert Road, Hindhead, Surrey, a university student, was fined £400 and disqualified for two years at the Central Criminal Court yesterday for causing the death of four friends by reckless driving.

The court heard that Brockdorff, who had not been drinking, was driving his friends to the cinema after a school reunion when he took a narrow bend at 70mph near Hindhead. His Volkswagen "cortwheel" was out of control, hitting and killing passengers Mark Thomas, aged 19, Andrew Meek, aged 19, Sarah Barker, aged 19, and Gregory Coates, aged 17, were killed.

Infertility treatment hit by cuts in NHS

The medical team which has developed a treatment for overcoming infertility in women, using an infuser attached to the arm to deliver a missing hormone which controls ovulation, has become a victim of the spending squeeze on the National Health Service.

On the day that Mrs Rosemary Wood gave birth to twins with the aid of the method, Professor Howard Jacobs and his team at Middlesex Hospital, London, were told that no more beds would be available. The hospital beds are required to monitor the progress of their patients during the pregnancy.

Professor Jacobs said yesterday: "The irony is that we are presenting a paper on the success of the method to the Royal College of Physicians next week. In addition to Mrs Woods' twins, we have delivered 30 babies so far from 60 pregnancies, all women who had been told by doctors previously that they were unable to have children."

The treatment had not cost the NHS money because it had been carried out under a research grant from the Medical Research Council, and the hormone preparation, LHRH, had been supplied by a drug company. But the procedure had reached the stage where it should be available under the NHS, Professor Jacobs said.

Mothers of two children lose £50,000 earnings

A woman on average earnings who stops work to have two children loses £50,000 in lifetime earnings, a study published yesterday says.

Both families and society might do better if fathers took less well-paid jobs to share the chores and allow women to keep working, the study by Miss Heather Joshi, of the Centre for Economic Policy Research, concludes.

Women who stop for children frequently go back to lower paid and often part-time jobs, Miss Joshi, an economist, says. Often the work they take does not fully use their skills and training.

A mother of two, for example, spends six years fewer at work than her childless counterpart, losing nine years' full-time work, off-set by three years' part time. With average earnings potential that adds up to a £50,000 reduction in lifetime earnings.

Promotion chances can be lost, and women who are employed continuously are usually better paid.

If society does not reduce the cash consequences of motherhood, Miss Joshi says, it may find a generation of women who avoid having children, working through to earn a full pension which would have to be paid for by a succeeding generation too small to support such pensions.

Top police learn to run widespread inquiries

by Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

A dozen senior detectives and police commanders return to the classroom tomorrow at the start of an extensive course on the skills of handling investigations such as that into the Yorkshire Ripper murders.

For the next five weeks men with the rank of assistant chief constable or commander in the Metropolitan Police are to study the techniques and management of inquiries that may involve hundreds of officers spread across several forces. The students are the officers who would be designated to head such inquiries or appointed to co-ordinate operations across police boundaries.

At the Police Staff College, at Bramshill, Hampshire, in the next few weeks the officers will study techniques covering all the aspects of an operation and end with a four-day exercise based on a mock investigation.

The lecturers include Mr Andrew Sloan, Chief Constable of Bedfordshire, who took part in the inquiries into the Yorkshire Ripper case; Mr Kenneth Oxford, Chief Constable of Merseyside, a senior member of the Yard's anti-terrorist squad who will lecture on surveillance; experts on computer and management methods; and a psychologist.

The focus of the course is either a serious crime such as a murder or a series of incidents such as several child murders or several rapes. During the course officers will hear details of one such inquiry in the Home Counties last summer.

During the five weeks the officers will learn techniques developed in the past few years for the standardization of incident rooms so that several forces can work together efficiently. They will also evaluate the growing use of computers for storing information and statements.

The course covers the use of undercover operations and the technology that can be brought to bear. There are also studies for handling the media and "political considerations".

Saab claim success in ignition system

By Clifford Webb, Motoring Correspondent

Saab, the Swedish car and aircraft manufacturer, has patented a new type of engine ignition system for cars which, it claims, will substantially improve fuel consumption and power, yet is entirely maintenance-free.

If Saab has succeeded in overcoming the traditional conflict between more miles a gallon and higher engine output, it will be a bitter blow to existing ignition manufacturers, led by Bosch in West Germany and Lucas in Britain.

However, sources in those companies said yesterday that the Swedish development was still in the experimental stage and, on Saab's own admission, was two years away from full production.

The Saab direct injection system has no rotary parts, such as a distributor, to go wrong. The firing signal to the sparking plugs is triggered by an electronic sensor attached to the crankshaft.

But the biggest breakthrough is the replacement of water-sensitive high-tension leads carrying 25,000 volts by low-tension leads carrying only the car's standard 12-volt battery power.

This is increased to 40,000 volts by small coils attached directly to the top of each sparking plug and firing takes place up to 20 times faster than with conventional systems.

At the Stockholm Motor Show yesterday Saab engineers said that the direct injection would triple the lifespan of sparking plugs and eliminate the risk of high-tension leakage in wet weather through the distributor cap and leads.

The more reliable spark enables the gap between the plug electrodes to be increased without the risk of "flashover" and misfiring.

Mr Per Gillbrand, head of Saab engine testing, said: "It opens the door to rapid further development of Saab engines. We can now design engines which have a lower fuel consumption, higher output and reduced sensitivity to variations in fuel quality."

Sinclair to launch more powerful tricycle

By Our Motoring Correspondent

Sinclair Vehicles is ready to launch a more powerful version of its CS electrically-assisted tricycle, but it said last night that attempts by do-it-yourself enthusiasts to modify the existing model would ruin the motor and also make the vehicle illegal.

It is concerned by reports in trade papers suggesting that conversion kits can be bought for less than £10, which will double the speed from 15 mph to 30 mph, by connecting a second battery.

A Sinclair executive said: "By doubling the battery power you would quadruple the heat generated and the motor would probably blow up. In any event, 15 mph is the maximum permitted for an electrically-assisted cycle. Anything above that would make it illegal."

He said it was possible, however, to connect a second battery in parallel (as opposed to in series) to increase the range, without overloading its electric.

Factory-modified versions of CS will be shown in a few weeks. They have been made necessary by plans to sell it in the Isle of Man and the Channel Isles, where different vehicle regulations apply. They did not accept the 1983 amendments to

Big prizes in TV thriller contest

Viewers will be asked to try to solve a "whodunit?" for huge cash prizes in *Murder in Space*, a mystery thriller which will go out on ITV in the autumn.

The author, even worked under a false name to protect his identity for fear of kidnapping or threats over the prizes.

Until the programme has been seen in all the countries where it has been sold, and national competitions to guess "whodunit?" are closed, the secret ending will not be filmed.

Bewes banned

Rodney Bewes, aged 46, of Albertstone Road, Putney, south London, a star of the BBC television series *The Likely Lads*, was fined £300 and banned from driving for three years at Marlborough Street Magistrates' Court, London, yesterday. He admitted driving in Baker Street, west London, on December 20 with excess alcohol in his blood.

Computer skills for young

The courses, which will be taught in approved centres cover all the aspects of the new technologies, including programming, software, electronics, computer applications and their operations.

Approved colleges will have to be equipped with microcomputers and an electronic workshop as the basic requirements for offering the courses. Each of the main subjects are available at four levels of complexity.

Details: 726 Information Technology, City and Guilds of London Institute, 46 Britannia Street, London WC1N 9RG.

£1,000 fine for harming bat roost

A timber treatment firm was fined £1,000 yesterday for damaging the roost of a colony of whiskered bats.

Proxim Services, of Bradford, West Yorkshire, which admitted the charge brought under the Wildlife and Countryside Act, 1981, was also ordered to pay £350 towards prosecution costs.

Mr David Pedley, for the prosecution, told Skipton magistrates that the firm had been treating woodwork in the loft of a house in Grassington in which bats sheltered and had sprayed a lethal chemical substance on the timbers.

Dr Robert Stebbings, from the Institute of Terrestrial Ecology, said a colony had probably been present in the house for several hundred years. It probably comprised 200 creatures.

Family of four found dead

A family of four has been found dead from stab wounds at their home in Chestnut Drive, Bexleyheath, south-east London, Scotland Yard said yesterday.

They were Mr William Stacey, aged 37, his wife Rosemary, aged 31, and their sons Daniel, aged eight, and Lee, aged five. Police said that they were treating the deaths of the mother and children as murder but were seeking no suspects.

The bodies were discovered dressed for bed, late on Thursday night when police broke into the house.

Sheikh buys grouse moor

Sheikh Ahmed bin Rashid of Dubai has bought the 12,000-acre grouse moor at Bolli Hope Common in Wearside, County Durham, for £1 million.

The moor was sold by Captain Nigel Pease, of Sledwich Hall, Barnard Castle, and his brother Simon.

Fashanu fined

The former England Under-21 international footballer, Justin Fashanu, was fined a total of £66 and had his licence endorsed by Isle of Wight magistrates after admitting driving carelessly as he left the high-security Parkhurst Prison after visiting a friend.

Second man accused of murder changes plea

Two men faced two murder charges yesterday at Manchester Crown Court and a charge of conspiracy to murder.

Originally four men had pleaded not guilty to the three charges. But yesterday Michael Bailey, aged 21, of Wirral Crescent, Cheadle Heath, Stockport, Greater Manchester, changed his plea to guilty.

On Thursday another of the accused, Peter Murray, aged 36, of Stockport Road, Stockport, also changed his plea. Both men will be sentenced at the end of the trial. Accused yesterday were Michael Howe, aged 21, of Stockport, and John Bannister, aged 20, of no settled address.

They are charged with murdering Mitchell Elgar, aged 17, of Sale, Greater Manchester, on October 10, 1983, and Martin Pollitt, aged 19, of Reddish, Stockport, the day after. The third charge involves conspiracy to murder John Redfern, aged 22, of Dukinfield, Greater Manchester.

'Dallas' deal forces up prices

By David Hewson, Arts Correspondent

The BBC and the ITV companies will all have to pay more for future American television series as a result of the secret Thames deal to buy *Dallas*.

It circumvented the normal British buying procedures, and has a new going rate for imported programmes.

The BBC and its commercial competitors have operated a gentlemen's agreement when dealing with foreign sales, to keep down prices.

At present most foreign imports cost between \$28,000 and \$33,000 an hour, from *The A Team* to *Dynasty*, but the real cost is rising for the companies each day because of the fall of the pound against the dollar.

The new rate for *Dallas* of \$55,000 an episode sets a record for a US series, although imported material is still at least 20 per cent cheaper than home-grown drama produced by British companies.

Thames last night disclosed the timing of the negotiations for *Dallas*, and denied the

The ITV companies' film purchase committee, which buys feature films and series, usually acts on behalf of all 15 ITV companies.

It consists of the programme controllers of the five largest companies - Thames, Yorkshire, Central, Granada and London Weekend Television - a representative of the regional companies, at present Mr William Brown, managing director of Scottish Television, and Mr Leslie Halliwell, author of a film guide and ITV's expert on what to buy and what to pay.

The dominance of the five companies in the selection process is because they pay most of the purchase fees of any bought-in material. The costs of US imports are met by ITV on a pro rata basis according to individual companies' size.

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South Lebanon fears revenge bloodbath when Israelis withdraw

From Christopher Walker, Sidon

Christians, Muslims and Palestinians living cheek-by-jowl in the 200 square miles of southern Lebanon to be evacuated by the Israeli Army next month are bracing themselves for the blood-letting that all sides fear will be inevitable after the retreat.

Although the situation is very different from that which led to the massacre in Sabra and Chatila in September 1982, the 14,000 Palestinian refugees living in the squalid Ein Hilwe camp on the outskirts of Sidon are particularly worried.

"They are already stockpiling food because that is really the only precaution that they can take," said Mr Husain Kolhir, aged 30, a Palestinian social worker and camp resident. "They are hoping against hope that the United Nations will come to protect them from anyone looking for revenge."

Public figures as disparate as Mr Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli Defence Minister, and Mr Yasir Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, have called for UN troops to be sent north from their base at Nagoura to police the camp.

But there is no sign that the cumbersome diplomatic procedures needed will be complete when the last Israelis leave Sidon on February 18 in the first stage of their withdrawal from Lebanon.

Before that can happen, we would need at the minimum a change in the mandate of the force by the Security Council and the agreement of each country who would be providing men for such a difficult task," said a senior UN official, who told *The Times* that about

700 soldiers would be needed to guard the camp round the clock.

Inside Ein Hilwe, where an eerie silence persists after 6 pm each day, the executions and tortures have already begun, with claims of responsibility and threats of more retribution against "collaborators" sprayed on the walls by such shadowy groups as "the Martyrs of Win Hilwe" and "the Stars of the Night."

"After dark, no one here dares open their door or set foot outside," Miss Anne Nixon, a voluntary worker at the camp, said. "There are about 90 armed men here working for Israel who know that they will be dead if they do not leave with the Israeli Army."

For the minority of Palestinians who have informed and performed other duties for the Israelis, there is no obvious escape route because they are also known to refugees elsewhere in Lebanon.

"If the case here, they will be killed, and if they go north to Beirut they will be killed," said Mr Kolhir, whose wife and son were wounded in the 1982 invasion. "There will also be scores to settle in the camp between those who back Arafat and those who oppose him. But despite all that, we are happy the Israelis are going."

Diplomatic observers predict hundreds of Palestinians will migrate south to Ein Hilwe, and that it will become the centre of a stepped-up guerrilla war against Israeli targets further south. They point to the advanced radio-controlled booby trap which killed three Israelis earlier this week. Palestinians are suspected of setting it up.

On the roads of south Lebanon the Israeli's vulnerability is seen in the reluctance of any local driver to come within 200 yds of their armoured patrols. Their tracked personnel carriers rumble along with a noise of Lebanese cars following slowly in the distance.

There is also apprehension in the well-armed villages of the Christian minority overlooking Sidon's urban sprawl. The main hope among the Palestinians is that the 40,000 Christians will be too concerned with defending themselves to indulge in revenge against the refugees, whom they blame for Lebanon's plight.

Local leaders have little confidence that the Lebanese Army can control the situation if the sectarian killing begins. The main battle is expected to be between rival militias for control of Sidon's port.

Mr Farid Sahal, a Maronite Christian deputy in the Beirut Parliament, was one of a number of Christians who expressed disbelief that the Army, now poised three miles north of Sidon, would have either the strength or will to prevent a bloodbath.

"Earlier this week, I tried to drive to Beirut to attend Parliament, but a Lebanese colonel warned me that it was not safe to drive on the very road his own men were supposed to control," Mr Sahal said. "It was not a happy omen for what is likely to happen in Sidon."

The UN sources estimate that 500 Christians and their families will be forced to flee south, some even into Israel itself, because of their close identity with the occupation force.



Packing up: Israeli soldiers with crates of machine parts that are being airlifted from a base on the Awali river.

Bomb explodes in Beirut playground

From Our Correspondent, Beirut

A car bomb exploded yesterday in a vacant lot used as a playground by Shia Muslim children in the Beirut neighbourhood of West Beirut.

Poorly said two people were killed and at least 12 injured in the latest of a wave of bombings in the area. The casualty toll would probably have been higher if a sandstorm had not kept many people indoors.

Earlier in the day police defused two bombs, each containing about 10 pounds of dynamite, that had been planted in a garbage bin outside a bottling plant. The toll from bombings in

the past 10 days is 18 dead and at least 137 wounded. Police have no clue whether the attacks are politically motivated or simply the work of criminals.

"I'm afraid to send my children to school, even to go out shopping myself," a young mother said. "There is danger everywhere."

Fighting also broke out yesterday between Lebanese Army troops in the central mountain town of Souk el-Gharb and Druse fighters in nearby villages. Shells reached the Christian suburb of Hazmieh, east of Beirut, killing one

person and wounding another, the state radio said. Shells also fell within about 500 yds of President Gemayel's palace but caused no damage.

Mortar shells and rockets fell on the Christian neighbourhoods of Ein Rummaneh and Furn al-Shabbah, injuring four civilians, including three children. The Christian-controlled Voice of Lebanon radio blamed "unruly elements" in the Muslim sector.

Both Muslim and Christian militias have been rebuilding barricades and fighting posts in recent days along the ceasefire

"green line". The Lebanese Army has met resistance in efforts to remove the new barriers.

The United Nations Under-Secretary General, Mr Bryan Uhruhart, returned to Beirut yesterday from Tel Aviv in his diplomatic shuttle mission to get the troop-withdrawal talks between Lebanon and Israel going again. Israel, which broke off the sessions on January 7, has agreed to attend further talks. But Lebanon is demanding a specific timetable for Israel's withdrawal before returning to negotiations on south Lebanon security.

The Indian leader said he suffered internal injuries and had to flee when Sandinista aircraft bombed a village he was visiting earlier this month. He said he hid in the bush for three days and then managed to skirt round Sandinista military positions and escape by boat to Costa Rica.

Senior Rivera and 10 other wounded Indians arrived here after a harrowing two-day journey down the coast, made difficult by bad weather and a faulty outboard engine.

The rebel commander, who heads the Costa Rica-based guerrilla movement, *Misuristas*, was in hospital for four days. After his release, he said: "I have a deep concern about the situation of my people inside (Nicaragua) since the latest information is that the bombing is continuing. At least a dozen civilians and fighters have been killed and many wounded since early January."

Senior Rivera is appealing to a number of governments, including Britain, to help persuade the Sandinistas to allow relief supplies to reach the villages which have been attacked.

Before Christmas, the rebel leader went to Nicaragua to explain the controversial peace initiative to his followers. Despite the objections of many other Contra leaders and some of the Indian military commanders, Senior Rivera accepted a Sandinista offer to begin dialogue late last year.

The Indians are demanding a form of autonomy for the Atlantic coast, control of their traditional lands, and a share of the profits earned from mines and other natural resources. They also want the Sandinista Army to withdraw the creation of an indigenous military force, repatriation of the estimated 20,000 Indian refugees and fighters, and freeing of political prisoners.

Nimeiry lets man of 76 hang

Khartoum (AFP) - Mahmoud Muhammad Isha, the 76-year-old leader of Sudan's Islamic dissident movement the Republican Brothers, was executed here yesterday.

He was sentenced on Tuesday to be hanged for "non-violently opposing Islamic law in Sudan".

The sentence was confirmed by President Nimeiry on Thursday, although he gave four other opposition figures sentenced to death at the same time another three days to repent.

The execution took place at Kober in front of about 2,000 people, including the other four condemned men. It is the first time a Muslim has been executed for an offence of apostasy or abandonment of faith since Islamic law was introduced in Sudan in September 1983.

In a pamphlet distributed secretly, Mr Isha described the introduction of Islamic law as "wicked" and said it "humiliated the Sudanese people".

REBEL CLASH: Eleven Government troops were killed and 75 wounded in a fierce clash with rebels in southern Sudan which ended yesterday morning, the Sudanese News Agency said.

Quoting an authoritative military source, the agency said the government troops were surprised by two enemy planes which rocketed their administrative headquarters.

Soviet historian's claim Zionists accused of working with Nazis

Moscow (Reuter) - Tass yesterday published accusations that Zionists had been "partners" of the Nazis and shared the blame for the deaths of millions of Jews during the Second World War.

An interview with the Soviet historian Lev Kornevich said Zionists had helped Hitler during his rise to power by implicating Jews in the Nazi war machine. Many of those banks and companies today constitute the bulk of international Zionism and support Tel Aviv's course of aggression.

"It is claimed that the extermination of Jews was the main aspect of the policy of Nazism and that all the peoples of the world betrayed the European Jews. This amounts to a gross distortion of real historical facts. The main aspect of Nazi policy... was struggle against socialism, against the Soviet Union."

Mr Kornevich said Zionism was a product of imperialism, and represented the interests of the bourgeoisie. Cooperation between international Zionism and fascism during the Second World War was explained by their common class nature and hatred of communism.

"The laws of class unity lead the Zionists even today into cooperation with the revanchists and neo-Nazis."

Tass said Mr Kornevich had written several books on Zionism, including *Israel: Myths and Reality* and *Class Nature of Zionism*.

Sri Lanka rebuff for Ramphal

From Donovan Moldrich, Colombo

There was nothing Mr Shri-dah Ramphal, the Commonwealth Secretary-General, could do to resolve the problem of civil unrest in Sri Lanka or improve the island's relations with India, a senior Sri Lankan minister indicated yesterday.

Mr Lalith Athulathmudali, the Minister for National Security, was asked by *The Times* whether Mr Ramphal had offered his good offices to mediate in any way following the failure of the all-party conference on the problems of the Tamil minority.

"What role has Mr Ramphal to play in this?" Mr Athulathmudali asked. "This is an internal matter. Mr Rajiv Gandhi (India's Prime Minister) says it is an internal matter."

He was speaking after a press conference at Army headquarters in Colombo at which part of the haul of arms and ammunition seized from a hide-out of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam in the Jaffna district last week was put on display for the media.

Asked what the Government was doing after the failure of the all-party conference, the minister said the Government was examining what it could do to alleviate the problems of minorities. More use could be made of judicial procedures, as had been done by blacks in America.

Tamil martyr without a corpse

From Donovan Moldrich, Colombo

Mannar, a sleepy Sri Lankan coastal town 190 miles north of Colombo, occupies an exalted position in the history of the Roman Catholic church.

It is where, in 1544, King Sankili, the Hindu ruler of the kingdom of Jaffna, massacred 700 converts to Catholicism which had been introduced to Sri Lanka with the arrival of the Portuguese in 1505. The Portuguese conquered and extinguished the kingdom in 1591.

Historians have recorded that the blood of the martyrs of Mannar germinated Catholicism in Sri Lanka. The persecution of the Dutch, who displaced the Portuguese, in 1656 and who were ousted in turn by the British in 1796.

Now, almost four and a half centuries after Catholicism's bloody baptism, there is talk of martyrdom again in Mannar with the disappearance of Father Mary Bastian, the 36-year-old parish priest of Vankalai near

Anger over Shenouda

Nearly 1,000 people, many believed to be sympathizers and members of outworn militant fundamentalist groups, gathered after noon prayers yesterday to show their disapproval of the recent release of Egypt's Coptic Pope (Our Cairo correspondent writes).

Shaikh Omar Abdul Rahman, one of the Muslim Brothers leaders, said Pope Shenouda's release was unfair because he had not stood trial, as they had. "Restricted" shaikhs should, like Pope Shenouda, be allowed to preach freely.

Pope Shenouda was released on January 2. He was one of several religious leaders, both Christian and Muslim, accused of fomenting sectarian strife, who were arrested during the late President Sadat's crackdown in September 1981.

Shaikh Abdul Rahman claimed yesterday that Pope Shenouda was at "the head of sectarian strife".

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Nuclear waste pledge by Nakasone to Lange

Auckland (AFP, AP) - Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, the Japanese Prime Minister, yesterday reiterated "in the strongest possible terms" a pledge that Japan would not dump nuclear waste in the Pacific against the wishes of countries in the region.

Mr David Lange, the New Zealand Prime Minister, said Mr Nakasone made the promise during three hours of talks between the two leaders at the start of a two-day visit by the Japanese leader, the last leg of a week-long South Pacific tour.

The dumping of nuclear waste was one of the key issues on which New Zealand had sought assurances from Japan in the talks, observers said.

Mr Nakasone also said his Government would support a nuclear-free zone in the South Pacific if it received the consent of all parties, was effective and verifiable, and obtained "the respect of the nuclear powers".

Mr Lange told a press conference that he and Mr Nakasone agreed on world nuclear disarmament matters. Nuclear issues were discussed at length, but Mr Nakasone did

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Mr Gregory Knight (Derby North, C) said the problem was not confined to sniffing glue but also butane, aerosols and even fire extinguisher agent. Statistics underestimated the problem because the majority of cases went undetected. The consequences could include death or damage to the lungs, kidneys or nervous system. The Bill would act as a deterrent to those selling solvents

sniffing glue, and in some schools the figure was 14 per cent and rising. The problem was serious and could not be left just to teachers.

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Mr Robert Kilroy-Silk, an Opposition spokesman on home affairs, welcomed the Bill and said the Government would give it a fair wind. Every city should have "drop in" centres where young people and adults could go for help and advice about the problem.

Mr David Mellor, Under Secretary of State, Home Office, said nobody suggested that this measure would be an answer to the problem. It simply dealt with and punished those who tried to exploit one of the most cruel and callous practices, that of selling such products to young people.

This Bill was a continuation of the enormous amount of work done by Government, local authorities, voluntary agencies, retailers and manufacturers to come to terms with the problem.

It was not only the sniffing of glue which was concerned. Almost any household product, particularly sprays, could be sniffed even butane gas.

There is some sign (he added) that we are turning the corner on this problem.

The best available statistics for solvent abuse showed that in 1982, 80 deaths in 1983, and 61 deaths in 1984.

The house would take a useful step forward in coping with solvent abuse by passing this Bill. He hoped the debate would encourage consideration of the wider implications of this subject and perhaps encourage the belief that a start had been made on a wide-ranging series of initiatives that might well in the end make it possible first to contain and control and then to eradicate a phenomenon which had blighted the lives of so many young people.

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Gandhi aides in custody after police smash Indian spy ring

Delhi (Reuters, AP) - Seven Government officials, including some working in the office of Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Prime Minister, were arrested yesterday on suspicion of spying for the United News of India (UNI) news agency reported.

Earlier in the day Mr Gandhi stunned Parliament by saying certain people holding sensitive posts, whom he did not name, had been arrested on suspicion of having betrayed the national interest.

The agency quoted reliable sources as saying the arrested officials included two deputy secretaries and two under-secretaries. The sources were quoted as saying at least three of the officials were working in the Prime Minister's office and two in the Defence Ministry.

UNI identified one of the officials as a personal assistant to the Prime Minister's principal secretary, Mr P. C. Alexander.

A magistrate remanded the seven in custody for 10 days for interrogation, the agency said, adding that the arrests had smashed a powerful espionage ring.

Mr Gautam Kaul, a Delhi police commissioner, confirmed the seven arrests but said he could not name them. "No police official is going to speak on that," he said.

Mr Gandhi revealed the arrests when he broke into a low-key debate in Parliament on the eradication of poverty. He read out a statement saying that the arrests were made during a review of security measures.

The Press Trust of India quoted the Prime Minister as telling MPs: "As you know, every government has to exercise the highest vigilance in regard to the protection of confidential information and intelligence. I reviewed and strengthened security procedures."

"It came to the Government's notice that certain employees in sensitive positions were suspected of indulging in activities detrimental to the national interest."

"Some arrests have been made in the course of investigations, which are still proceeding."

Mr Gandhi asked MPs not to press him to say more to avoid hampering investigations. He had disclosed the arrests to Parliament because "I want to take the House into confidence on an important development."

UMF quoted its sources as saying the seven officials had been given defence secrets and vital information about the Prime Minister's office to foreigners, whom it did not identify. The sources said incriminating documents had been recovered from the arrested officials and three or four more suspects were to be detained.

It said intelligence officials had kept a watch on the suspects for several weeks before taking action against them. Their activities came to light during an investigation into India's security apparatus in the wake of the assassination last October of Indira Gandhi.

Cyprus summit looks to UN chief for salvation

From Zoriana Pysariwsky, New York

Turkish withdrawal from Cyprus and a system of international guarantees for the island's security were emerging yesterday as the main points of contention as the crucial summit meeting went into its second day at the United Nations.

The two highly emotive issues, which have prevented a solution to the Cyprus problem in the past, appeared to have blighted the initial atmosphere of high expectations, with the mutual suspicion of the two sides simmering not far beneath the surface.

Diplomatic sources described the first day of talks between President Kyriakou and Mr Rauf Denktas as tense and difficult sessions which highlighted the disparate positions still held on a number of issues rather than the agreement that had been reached on substantive questions in the three rounds of proximity talks.

The consensus was that Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the UN Secretary-General, in whose presence the summit meeting is being held, would have to find urgently an imaginative way of provoking the two sides into a more conciliatory stand. Not only are they in disagreement on important issues, but there are two contradictory views on whether the Secretary-General's comprehensive peace package is subject to further negotiation.

It appeared that for the Greek Cypriots the only settlement that could be considered worthwhile would be one which guaranteed complete Turkish withdrawal from Cyprus before the transitional government envisaged in the Secretary-General's proposals came into effect. The Greek Cypriot side was willing to consider any system of international guarantees, but only under the condition that Turkey not be included.

Mr Denktas, the Turkish Cypriot leader, has said it is unthinkable for the security of Turkish Cypriots to have a federal republic of Cyprus without guarantees from Turkey, a view shared by most diplomatic observers, who see the Greek Cypriot aspirations as unrealistic. He would be willing also to agree to a timetable for a Turkish troop withdrawal, but only if it is linked to the establishment of a transitional government.

The main purpose of the British offer is to buy time so that Britain can continue to spew smoke all over Europe," Mr Sten Bergstrom of the Swedish Meteorological Institute told Reuters.

Swedes snub Britain's acid rain grant

Stockholm (Reuters) - Swedish scientists have rejected a one million crown (about £100,000) British grant to study the effect of acid rain because they say British industry pollutes Scandinavian forests and lakes.

"The main purpose of the British offer is to buy time so that Britain can continue to spew smoke all over Europe," Mr Sten Bergstrom of the Swedish Meteorological Institute told Reuters.

He said it would be morally wrong to accept funds offered by the British power industry in view of Britain's refusal to reduce sulphurous emissions. "We can't accept that, since it is our duty as scientists to protect the Swedish environment," he added.

Britain refused last December to join 14 European countries, the Soviet Union and Canada in reducing emissions by 30 per cent over the next decade, saying further research was needed.

Karpov agrees to draw No 37 after 21 moves

Moscow (AP) - The 43rd game of the world chess championship was drawn last night after 21 moves, with Gary Kasparov offering it and the title holder, Anatoly Karpov, accepting after mulling over it for nine minutes.

Karpov, ahead by 5-1, will try again on Monday to secure the one victory he needs to retain his title.

The two Soviet masters have been battling since September 10. Yesterday's draw was the 37th in this marathon series.

Forty-third game
White: Karpov; Black: Kasparov

1 P-K4	P-G4	2 N-K3	P-C3
3 P-Q4	P-P3	4 N-B3	P-C3
5 P-Q4	P-P3	6 P-K3	P-C3
7 P-Q4	P-P3	8 P-K3	P-C3
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Vatican group to study space war risks

Rome (Reuters) - Twenty-five scientists from the United States, the Soviet Union and other countries will meet in the Vatican for four days next week to discuss possible risks from war in space.

The scientists, joined by four Roman Catholic clergymen, will report to the Pope. Señor Carlos Chagas, president of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences, said yesterday.

The meeting, planned since November, comes two weeks after Washington and Moscow agreed to resume disarmament talks on space weapons.

The Pontifical Academy draws expert opinion from the world over to keep the Vatican

Priest's lawyers ask: Who is on trial?

From Roger Boyes Warsaw

Lawyers representing the Popieluszko family in the trial of four former secret police officers accused of murdering the pro-Solidarity priest, yesterday made an impassioned protest against the conduct of the trial.

"What is going on in this courtroom? A murder trial is being converted into a trial of the Church, the episcopate and Father Popieluszko himself," they complained.

The lawyers - Mr Jan Oleszewski, Mr Edward Wende and Mr Andrzej Grabinski - have thus brought into the open a nasty, nagging suspicion about the proceedings in the Toran courtroom.

It is this: that alongside the four secret police agents in the dock, there is a fifth defendant, the ghost of the priest himself, charged, it would seem from the casual comments of judges, and the questioning of the state prosecutor, with abusing his pulpit for the goals of the Solidarity opposition.

Yesterday, the judge was supposed to rule on whether a



Waldemar Chrostowski: He drove priest's car

bitter diatribe against the Roman Catholic Church delivered last week by ex-Captain Grzegorz Piotrowski, the main defendant, should be included in court documents.

He had accused a bishop of collaborating with the Nazis, a member of being Solidarity money, some priests of leading

dissolute lives, and that clerics exploited the low duty customs tariffs on charity shipments to import cars, his most damning accusation of all was against the priest who is regarded by many as a Solidarity martyr: suggesting that the secret police had evidence showing that Father Popieluszko had a mistress. All of this, and more, was to be included in the court files to explain his "motivation" in the kidnap, Piotrowski's lawyers said.

The state prosecutor seemed at the start to approve the idea. Then came the outburst, initially from Mr Oleszewski. "Whose trial is this, anyway? What Piotrowski wants to do is to try the Church, the episcopate or at least Father Popieluszko."

The material gathered by the secret police had not been collected with the investigative rigour needed for court evidence, he said. The other Popieluszko lawyer, Mr Wende argued that Piotrowski had already explained his motivation in sufficient detail. And Mr Grabinski exclaimed: "I am horrified by what is going

on in this courtroom. Piotrowski is trying to enforce his views not only on the court but on the state."

After a recess, the judge had to agree with the Popieluszko lawyers the material will be excluded from the court documents.

The hearing of two witnesses yesterday - Major Janusz Dronz and secret police employee Zbigniew Strumiecki - confirmed the general drift of the week's testimony which is tending to destroy the line of defence taken by ex-Colonel Adam Pietruszka, the former deputy director of the secret police's church monitoring department. He is charged with complicity in murder but faces a possible capital punishment along with Piotrowski and ex-lieutenants Waldemar Chmielewski and Leszek Pekala who face full murder charges.

Pietruszka denies all attempts at a cover-up of the crime and admits no part in its planning.

But yesterday, Major Dronz, who despite his rank was the deputy to Piotrowski, said that on October 23, four

days after Father Popieluszko's murder, all available members of the secret police church monitoring department were called together.

The head of the Polish secret police, Deputy Inspector Milan, then ordered them all to write a report of their activities on October 19, emphasizing any contact with Piotrowski.

Major Dronz was delegated to collect the reports. On delivering them to Pietruszka, the major was told to ensure that the wording of two reports was amended to eliminate "unnecessary detail".

Piotrowski's secretary, Miss Barbara Story, had been told by Pietruszka as he left the office to kidnap Father Popieluszko that Pietruszka knew that he would be absent. Pietruszka ordered the sentence "On the 19th when Piotrowski was leaving the office, he told me, 'I'm leaving but Colonel Pietruszka knows what I'll be doing'" to be deleted from Miss Story's report. A similar demand was made of Mr Zbigniew Strumiecki.

27 hurt in blast at W German refinery

Wesseling, West Germany (AP) (Reuters) - Exploding gas and chemicals triggered a huge fire yesterday in an oil refinery here near Cologne, injuring 27 people and sending a burning cloud 3,000 ft into the air. At least seven of the injured were in serious condition, police said. The explosion occurred in an ethyl-producing facility at the Rheinisch-Olefin refinery between Cologne and Bonn, operated by the West German Shell Company and the BASF chemical concern. A pipe carrying liquid gas broke, causing a mixture of the gas, naphtha and other chemicals to explode.

An autobahn near the refinery was closed for an hour as firefighters tackled the blaze and finally brought it under control.

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New York (Reuters) - Iraq hit civilian targets in Iran in air raids early this month using cluster bombs, a United Nations monitoring team said in a report issued here. Iraq claimed yesterday it had scored a direct hit on another vessel in the Gulf.

Charges lifted

Manila (Reuters) - A Philippines court dismissed subversion charges against the opposition leader Mr Jovito Salonga, due to arrive here next week after four years' exile in the United States. The principal witness in the case had fled to the US.

Falkland protest

Buenos Aires - Argentina formally protested at Britain's decision to grant a prospecting licence on the Falkland Islands to the Firstland Oil and Gas Co. In a letter to the United Nations on January 2, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said here.

Warlord dies

Bangkok (Reuters) - The Burmese opium warlord, Khun Sa, died aged 52 of diabetes last Wednesday. The border police reported. He headed the Shan United Army, one of a dozen Burmese rebel groups.

Silver Solti

Paris (AFP) - The conductor Sir Georg Solti will be awarded the Silver Medal of Paris next Friday when he will be in the French capital with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. He will conduct The Times Bicentenary concert at the Royal Festival Hall on January 31.

Stone Age find

Riyadh, Saudi Arabia (AP) - Archaeologists have uncovered a Stone Age village near the Red Sea port of Jeddah, the Director of Museums and Antiquities in Saudi Arabia's western province said.

Satanic rock

Amsterdam (AP) - A chain of Dutch schools, has ordered pupils to destroy their rock records by the Rolling Stones, the Beatles and others because they allegedly contained "satanic messages".

President's party fit for a king

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

President Reagan will be being sold at high prices at the smartest stores in town.

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3 children a day die at UN camp

Geneva (Reuters) - Three Ethiopian children are dying every day at one refugee camp in northern Somalia, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees said.

A spokesman said 36,000 Ethiopians had descended on the Bihin camp, near the town of Hargeisa, since it was set up two months ago.

About 60,000 Ethiopians had crossed the border from the Ogaden region. Some 24,000 of them were still scattered across the country.

The High Commissioner had received only \$9.5 million (£8.5 million), or a third of the amount it appealed for late last year to help Africa's starving people.

The situation was particularly grave in Sudan, which could soon have half a million refugees. "I don't know why, but we have not seen the usual generosity," the spokesman said.

● **BRUSSELS:** Cereals and farming equipment worth £2 million are on their way to Ethiopia by boat thanks to the generosity of one of the more depressed areas in Britain, the North-east (Ian Murray writes).

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Six airlines in America chop fares

New York (Reuters IAP) - Six big US airlines have slashed their fares by as much as 70 per cent on domestic flights in a price war that sent the share values of all the main carriers tumbling.

American Airlines fired the first shot on Thursday with the introduction of price reductions by up to 70 per cent on all of its routes within the continental US for round-trip tickets purchased 30 days in advance.

United Airlines, North West Airlines Pan Am, Delta Airlines and Trans World Airlines followed, saying they would match American Airlines fares.

American said that under the discount passengers could fly between New York and Dallas-Fort Worth for as little as \$99 (£86) each way.

● **BRUSSELS:** More people will travel by air in Europe this year, but ever-rising air traffic control charges mean they will probably also have to pay more for their travel. Europe's leading airlines predicted yesterday (Reuters reports).

A statement from officials of the Association of European Airlines said a projected rise of almost six per cent in the passenger market and 16 per cent in the cargo market for 1984 should be at least equalled in early 1985.

However, its secretary-general, Herr Karl-Heinz Neumeister, said in a statement that airlines' attempts to hold down fares were undermined by continually rising traffic control charges, which doubled in real terms between 1980 and 1983.

Chernenko is not on Reagan list

From Our Correspondent Washington

There were no plans for President Reagan to meet President Chernenko during his coming European visit, the White House said yesterday.

Mr Reagan is planning a tour that will probably include visits to Spain, Portugal and Austria after attending a seven-nation economic summit in Bonn from May 2 to 4.

Officials said it was possible Mr Reagan would attend ceremonies on May 8 marking the 40th anniversary of VE Day.

Other officials said he would make a state visit to West Germany, in addition to attending the summit.

There had been speculation that Mr Reagan might hold a Vienna summit with Mr Chernenko that could set a formal seal on new arms control talks.

● **VIENNA:** Austria expects the U.S. Soviet, British and French foreign ministers to attend celebrations in May marking the 30th anniversary of the Austrian state treaty, Foreign Ministry spokesman said yesterday.

The treaty, signed on May 15, 1955 by the four main powers, restored Austrian independence after 10 years of allied occupation.

Europe feels tail end of freeze

By Our Foreign Staff

Heavy rain, high winds and icy conditions hit much of Europe yesterday as a thaw appeared from the south after two weeks of exceptionally cold weather.

In France, where about 140 people have died as a result of the cold spell, a man in his seventies was found dead in freezing conditions in a hole in the ground.

Ice closed Orly airport briefly, and 50 flights were delayed.

Milan's Linate airport was forced to close again yesterday because of fog, and the fog shut down Turin airport.

Further south in Italy, heavy rain swelled rivers and streams and four fishermen from Bari were reported missing, feared dead, when their motor launch sank in heavy seas off Siracusa, Sicily.

In heavy rain and high winds hill Portugal raising temperatures and melting snow in parts of the worst-affected north-eastern region. Lisbon was battered by winds of around 70 mph.

Farmers in Spain, Portugal and Yugoslavia were assessing the damage to citrus and vegetable crops caused by the freeze. Agriculture officials in

Freed Britons rearrested in Lagos

By Our Foreign Staff

The British High Commissioner in Nigeria was seeking instructions from above to rearrest them.

The men were taken to CID headquarters on Ikoye island, where they were visited by the British consul, Mr Grant Lindsay, but no explanation was given.

They had been set free after the prosecutor told the court there was no case against them.

Mr Clark and Mr Patterson were arrested in May after two British pilots flew an executive jet out of the country to Ivory Coast during a government ban on private flights. The jet, owned by Shirstar Ltd, of London, was returned by Ivory Coast, and the pilots were allowed to go free.

The two engineers were not charged until November, and were refused bail.

Fontaine in as editor by 89% vote

From Diana Geddes Paris

M André Fontaine, aged 63, was yesterday elected the editor-in-chief of Le Monde by an overwhelming majority of the shareholders of the private company of journalists, employees and private individuals which owns the paper.

He will take over on Monday from M André Laurens, who resigned last month after the journalists rejected his proposals to rescue the financially troubled paper.

Mr Fontaine has promised to submit his own rescue plan for approval by the journalists and other shareholders within the next three months. He has already called for an immediate 10 per cent cut on all salaries and the closure of one of the paper's two print works.

He also intends to seek outside funding for the paper for the first time.

Whereas M Laurens resisted pressures to call in outside expertise to manage the financial side of the paper, M Fontaine has immediately appointed M Bernard Woutz, aged 44, a former director of the Bayard Presse, to the newly-created post of chief administrator.

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R. C. P. Hanson

Sunday: for thought not dogma

A Member of Parliament once told me that there were only two subjects that really disturb the House of Commons: not miners' strikes, nor the sinking of Argentine cruisers, but Sunday trading and cruelty to animals.

The first subject has been brought before the attention of the public recently and has roused the usual passions, rational and irrational, and has disturbed the usual vested interests.

The idea that Christians are in duty bound to keep the Sabbath on the first day of the week, however, can be supported by no rational argument. Christians are accustomed to rely on three bases for their doctrine: Scripture, tradition and reason. In the New Testament there is not the faintest suggestion that Christians must treat Sunday as Jews treat Saturday. There is evidence that many early Christians of Jewish origin kept the Jewish Sabbath on Saturday. Where writers in the New Testament speak of a Christian Sabbath, they speak of it as the eternal rest God destined for all his faithful followers - what the great Richard Baxter called "The Saints Everlasting Rest".

Tradition also gives no support at all to the Sunday Sabbath. The early fathers of the first five centuries sometimes tried to discourage Christians from keeping Saturday as a Sabbath, but Sunday did not occur to them.

It did occur to some particularly ascetic Irish monks, at around the year 600, when and where this eccentric idea apparently originated. But to take an ordinance of the Jewish law applying to Saturday and arbitrarily to apply it to Sunday is quite unjustified.

Protestants are apt, sometimes not without justification, to accuse Catholics of adding arbitrarily and unjustifiably to the creed, of inventing dogma *ad se*. Catholics could justly reply that the doctrine of Sunday Sabbath is as arbitrary as any of their alleged innovations. To pass by-laws against Sunday trading, as a Paisley local council in Northern Ireland intends to do, on the basis of

this transparently worthless doctrine and thereby ruin people's trade, is as bad an example as anyone could require of sectarian bigotry.

By the same token, we should presumably accept the claim that the white man in Africa is entitled to exploit the black man because of the supposed ancestor of the black, is declared in the Book of Genesis to be destined to serve Shem, the alleged ancestor of the white. If by-laws are to be based on dogma, they might be based on something less ramshackle than this.

But there is something more to be said on the subject. English people mostly do not go to church on Sunday, many of them preferring to stay in bed until the pubs open. Others spend the day reading their Sunday newspapers or cleaning their cars. Is this really a rest from earning means - a weekly rest from earning one's bread and maintaining one's family until the eternal Sabbath rest of the grave is reached?

The chief difference between church attenders and non-church attenders on Sunday is not in any immediately observable behaviour or even lifestyle. It is that the church attenders are prepared to look before and after, to limit their gaze regularly and to satisfy one's needs and appetites, and to look at life, at each person's destiny and significance in a larger perspective, a deeper dimension than the others.

They can face words like "God, history, salvation, faith", which bore and embarrass the others, and can act on what they discover as a result of this rousing and disturbing experience.

This is the chief significance of Sunday. Observance of it has nothing to do with the rules of the Old Testament, but much to do with answering questions about the meaning of our existence on this planet, which most people prefer to regard as beyond the reaches of their souls. The reach of twentieth-century man's soul is remarkably shallow.

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Roy Strong



Testing times: bathtime as portrayed by Reznick in 1907

Hot and culture on tap

A recent statistic which caught my eye was the fact that young people are cleaner than ever before. It crossed my mind again when I performed at the speech day of my old grammar school, for one of the most potent memories of that institution was the smell of human bodies, particularly as one changed for the purgatory of the gymnasium or the sports field. It must also have been part of the social divide, for I remember asking Lady Diana Cooper what struck her most at Belvoir Castle when her father, the Duke of Rutland, opened it to the public at the turn of the century. "The smell," came the reply. Few memories make one more grateful for the spread of the cult of the bathroom and male toiletries.

In great houses there is always an attic or room which contains dusty ranks of washbasins, jugs and soap dishes recalling the days when droves of maids carried water to each bedroom. For centuries the bathroom was a rarity, which is what makes the Duchess of Lauderdale's marble and tiled one in the basement at Ham House an index of her extreme ostentation. It is also what makes the reconstruction of the mechanics for a bath in the middle ages at Leeds Castle, in which a circular tub lined with fabric and enclosed with a tent, so fascinating. Such arrangements are really not so far away in time. Few bathrooms as anything other than an exception is only a few generations away.

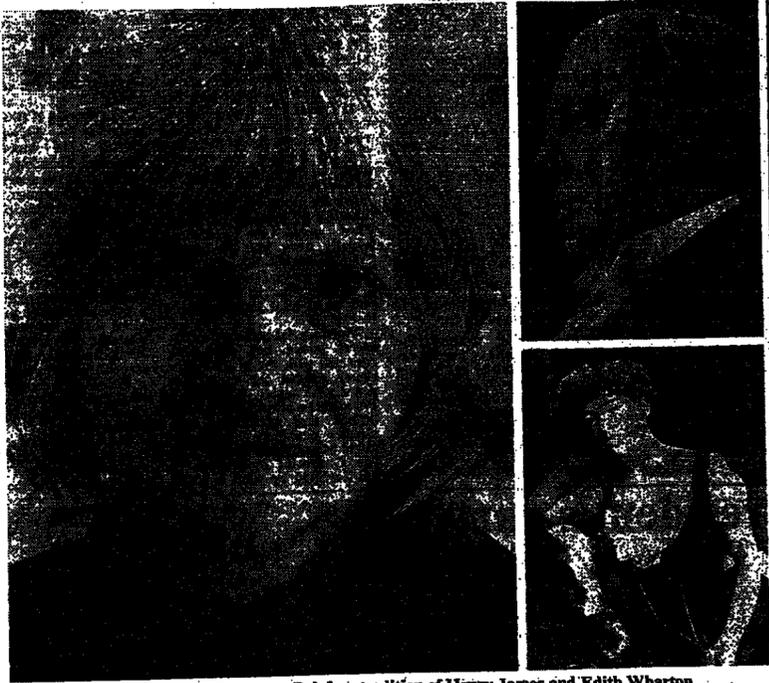
Indeed of all the changes in room arrangement to occur in this century affecting daily domestic life the advent and multiplication of bathrooms must be the most significant. Inevitably this began in the great houses but it was not until the 1930s that the ratio of bathrooms to bedrooms began to move into being neck and neck. Plus Newstead sticks in my mind as an early instance of this comfort which has now spread across the social spectrum, so that a bathroom is a *sine qua non* of ordinary living and to have two or more is by no means unusual.

That is an interesting if dull fact in itself. More fascinating is what else, apart from the plumbing, gets into that room. I vividly recall the first time that I was struck by what is now a commonplace, pictures in the bathroom. About 20 years ago I was doing research on a Tudor artist called Hans Eworth and his earliest work, "Turk on Horseback", belonged to Lord Yarborough. Much

Unmannered mannerist: Malcolm Bradbury on the work of Alison Lurie

The Paleface Professor

Tom Drummond



Alison Lurie, in the American Paleface tradition of Henry James and Edith Wharton.

Satire, done well, is usually a product of a very precise literary skill and a good deal of rigorous intelligence. Lurie's novels please by having both. She might be called an academic author, she studied at Radcliffe, wrote a thesis on Jacobean comedy, spent much time in academic life and is still a part-time Professor of English at Cornell University, where she teaches creative writing and children's literature.

It so happens that Cornell has been a stronghold of structuralism and deconstruction, those two powerful movements in criticism which have reshaped the spirit of many English departments in the direction of an organized rigour that has not always been entirely favourable to the study of literature as an act of constructive intelligence. A few cunning asides about all this are to be glimpsed in *Foreign Affairs*. Alison Lurie also reveals here a pleasure in teaching that comes partly from establishing herself as a real presence and deeply professional writer.

The academic world has given Mrs Lurie a good deal in return. Her novels and a clear, firm interest in the nature of fiction. Two of her early novels have paired titles - *Imaginary Friends* and *Real People*.

The first is about an academic sociologist researching a millenarian sect in New York State, finally becoming not its analyst but its leader and guru. The sect is called the Truth-Seekers, and Mrs Lurie contrasts two forms of the search for truth: the scientific and objective, the religious and impassioned.

The conclusion is relentless and ironic, and the novel a classic comedy about the desire to command knowledge. *Real People* is set in a writers' colony based on Yaddo, an institution that has never been quite the same since she fictionalized it, exploring the fallacies in the idea of the timeless pastoral that such colonies promote.

In fact all Mrs Lurie's novels explore the dangerous relations between the imaginary and the real, with exact observation and cunning intelligence. Perhaps it is these qualities, not in enormously long supply in contemporary fiction, which help her books travel the Atlantic so readily. Alison Lurie herself travels it fairly regularly, living part of the year in Ithaca, New York, when she is teaching, part in Florida and part in a flat somewhere behind Lord's cricket ground in London.

Her own international theme becomes the subject of *Foreign Affairs* in which an untypical heroine, a 57-year-old professor of

SPORTING DIARY

Simon Barnes

Heads you lose

Football can damage your brain - this is the belief of a member of the medical panel of the International Football Federation, FIFA. "Players should try to decrease the number of times they head the ball, or risk possible brain damage," said Professor Vojta N. Smolcaka, of the State University of New York College of Medicine. He has estimated that players head the ball an average of five times per match, or 5,250 times in a 15-year career, (not counting training) and has heard complaints of headaches, neck pains, insomnia, weakened memory, and abnormal alcohol reactions. A Harley Street neurologist confirmed the same torsional impact on the brain as a glancing blow from a boxer, and the combined forces involved in heading back a ball travelling directly towards you are considerable. The point to remember, though, is that the problem is different from boxing. Footballers are trying to get the ball in the net; boxers are trying to cause each other brain damage."

Run for the bus

If league championships were won on simple fitness, then we might as well give the title right away to Sheffield Wednesday. Manager Howard Wilkinson gives his men a weekly 90-minute run over the half-marathon distance of 13 miles. A bus waits at the finishing spot to take them back home - but it doesn't wait long. Players who arrive after the appointed finishing time make their own way back.

● The West Bromwich Albion midfielder, Steve Hunt, has reached green belt level in karate. He is now aiming for the fifth level, and a blue belt. He says he took up the sport to keep his body supple.

Tee bone

The latest innovation on the American professional golf circuit is a fitness centre which gives golfers a chance to limber up before they play and to wind down afterwards. A surgeon from the centre at the recent Bob Hope Desert Classic said the golfer's traditional bad back is caused by weak abdominal muscles. In tests at the centre one golfer came close to breaking the world "treadmill" record.

Long shot

During the Boer War, men of the City were so disgusted by reports of the appalling aim by Our Boys that they decided to do something about it. They formed the City Rifle Club, and built their own clubhouse at Bisley, at a cost of £230. The club is still going strong - Mike Sullivan who won Britain's first medal in the Olympic Games last summer, is a member. "We're not a City men these days, we're a little more catholic," he said. Their clubhouse is falling down, however, and they are trying to marshal the City's resources to raise the £150,000 needed to rebuild it.

Puff ball

No - it wasn't holy water that caused the fracas at the African Women's Basketball Championship last week. It was magic powder with "evil effects". The Senegalese sprinkled the powder over their opponents Zaire in the pre-match warm-up. The Zaire coach countered brilliantly by pouring water on the floor. The Senegalese tried to stop him, while the Zaire players tried to prevent any further administration of the magic powder, and that was how the punch-up started. Zaire refused to play the match, so giving the title to Senegal on a walkover.

Stand and deliver

An ice hockey star has been invited to teach postmen in New York State how to fall over. Postmaster Robert Walsh had noticed that ice hockey players, like his postmen, fall over an awful lot on the ice. But where the ice hockey men get up and carry on, the postmen of Farmingdale stay down. Last winter 26 postmen needed time off work after falling over. Bobby Nyström, right winger for the New York Islanders, went to meet the tumbling postmen and said: "The best thing I can say is just don't fall down." Forced to acknowledge that he himself falls down "quite a bit", he added helpfully: "Be prepared - be ready to fall." His talk on the subject has been videoed, and will be played to other postmen.

BARRY FANTONI



"No, it doesn't remind me of the blitz. It reminds me of when I had a job"

Bernard Levin: the way we live now

If the Dutch can double up, why not the English?

I will have you know that I am very big in Holland. My last book but one, *Enthusiasms*, has been translated into Dutch (will the gentleman at the back who observed that that is only fitting in view of the fact that I have been writing in Double-Dutch for years kindly leave the room), and I believe that the police there have already been called out several times to control the crowds trying to force their way into the bookshops.

I have just been sent the customary author's copies, and a rather weird experience I have found it. I have seen my words translated into French and German, but these languages with which I have at least a nodding acquaintance; of Dutch I understand not a word, and in an idle moment I took down a copy of the original and began to collate some passages.

I turned first to the jacket blurb, which begins: "Bernard Levin is the vast columnist van de Londense *Tijdschriften*," a remark which I feel is singularly unflattering. I know I am being put on a bit of weight lately, but no one could call me vast. On turning to the book itself, however, I began to realize what an appalling task I had set the translator (Pauline Moody), for the elaborate intricacy of my rhetorical style, seen through the distorting mirror of a language so strange to me (and rather than less by its distant strangeness with German), seems almost ungraspable in any language but ours.

Take a passage such as this, for instance, which must have put Miss Moody on her guard at once because of the reference to the principal city of The Netherlands:

In Amsterdam, as in London, whole city blocks have been taken over by the pornography industry, and the property developers lie awake at night wondering what further beautiful old buildings they can pull down. In London, as in many other British cities, there are enormous and obtrusive rubbish bins on the pavements, put there by the municipal authorities or civic-minded shopkeepers and businessmen, but they are painted in such municipal or commercial advertising in such ugly typefaces, that the result is to make the streets worse than if the bins were not there and the litter was thrown upon the ground, which it usually is anyway.

In Dutch (my apologies to Mylneer compositor) that reads as follows:

In Amsterdam zijn evenals in Londen, hele huizenblokken overgenomen door de porno-industrie, en de projectiewikkelaars liggen 's nachts wakker terwijl ze zich afvragen welke mooie oude gebouwen ze nog meer kunnen afbreken. In Londen staan evenals in veel andere Engelse steden, grote ovale afvalbakken op de stoep, daar neergezet door de gemeentelijke autoriteiten of door winkeliers en zakenlieden met burgerzin, maar die zijn in zulke walgelijke kleuren geschilderd, en volgeplakt met gemeentelijk en commercieel reclamewerk in

Correction

The additional cost of the Community programme for the long-term unemployed outlined in the feature on January 15 would be £3bn, not £3.4bn.

speaking to or before audiences can immediately tell whether or what he is saying is being taken in, and a few moments later, I essayed a joke.

Now any joke in a foreign language is the hardest test of understanding, and my jokes, which tend to be intricately verbal, must be harder than most; astonishment turned to amazement when the audience not only laughed, but laughed with exactly the same reaction-interval as a British audience would. From then on I abandoned all thought of making concessions, and spoke as I would speak at home; never once did the audience fail to respond as an audience at home would.

But that did not exhaust the surprises in store for me. When my act was finished, I was returned to the penalty-box at the side of the studio; the third guest was Dutch again, but the fourth was German, and she spoke no more Dutch than I did. The same pattern, however, was displayed: it was apparent that the audience understood German every bit as well as they understood English (and the host's German was as complete as his English). When it was all over, I asked how the audience in the studio were selected; I learnt that they were not - as with many British television programmes, people may simply write in for tickets, and since this particular audience would not have known in advance that a Dutchless Englishman and an equally Dutchless German would be on the programme, it was plain that the audience must have been fully representative of those who watched it at home.

I left in a thoughtful state of mind. I know that Dutch is useless outside The Netherlands except perhaps among Afrikaners in South Africa; like the citizens of many small countries, they must learn other languages or reconcile themselves to communicating by signs and grunts. Well, the Dutch, like the Scandinavians, have taken the more demanding path, and however necessary it has been for them, no one can withhold admiration for the extent of their success. And if anyone could, it would not be a citizen of this country; we are fortunate in having a language that is *lingua franca* all over the world, but that no more excuses our unwillingness or inability to learn other tongues than the Hollanders' command of English is to be regarded as unremarkable because it was born of necessity.

It was after the programme was seen in The Netherlands that I was approached by the Dutch publishers with a proposal for a Dutch edition of *Enthusiasms*, and now I trust that I am soaring to the top of the Dutch best-seller list. At any rate, if I am not, it can only be because the Dutch understand me because that they need no translation, and have all bought the original English edition. But I still think somebody should try making a joke in Dutch on the Wogan show.

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19-25 JANUARY 1985 A WEEKLY GUIDE TO LEISURE, ENTERTAINMENT AND THE ARTS

The global golf course beckons those whose idea of a perfect holiday is an energetic 18 holes followed by a tippie at the nineteenth

Driving off into the sunset

Alan Hamilton tees up in the wilds of Ireland

It was pretty decent of The Major, an absolute whizz of a golfer, to include one such as myself on a recent expedition to some choice Irish greenlands...

The course was in excellent condition, its greens in particularly fine fettle. In an adjoining stretch of dune they are building a second course, whose 12 operational holes we tried...

Two worries nagged at the Aer Lingus Boeing 737 lifted over Slaines reservoir in the direction of Shannon...

Let us, we said, cut out. It was not a wise decision; Ireland is paying the price, mainly in crippling rates of VAT...

Yet over a three-day weekend we were beaten only once, when the curtains of rain draining from our eyebrows destroyed our vision and threatened to dilute the contents of the hip flask...

It had rained mightily in the night, and the dawn brought what the Irish call a soft morning; that is, even the ducks were taking shelter...

The main hazard at the first hole is a graveyard lying to the right of the fairway, and at almost every other hole it is the howling, but usually mild, wind...

Both the Killarney lakeside courses, Killeen and Mahony's Point, are gentler and more picturesque than Ballybunion. They are parkland, and there is a great deal of standing timber to contend with...



Wayfarer's guide to the fairways

IRELAND

Aer Lingus will be offering weekend golf packages next year at £154 per person (low season) or £161.50 (high season)...

PORTUGAL

The Travel Club of Uppminster has special green fees arrangements with Quinta do Lago (£16.50 per day) and Vilamoura (£11 per day)...

In the swing with a champion

Mitchell Platts marks his card in Portugal

Henry Cotton, regarded in many clubhouses as the patron saint of English golf, stumbled on the secret by accident one day. He spotted an old motor tyre behind the professional shop at Temple Golf Club...

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FRANCE: Top 5 Hardelet, only 15 minutes from the Channel port of Boulogne, are organized by Hardelet Holidays. Heavily wooded, but with undulating dunes, Hardelet is a breath of fresh air with green fees of around £8 per day...

SPAIN: Spain remains the most popular choice even if prices have risen and the prospect of playing has been reduced by an increasing number of golfers heading for the sun. Fortunately, both of them are being attacked. A new course, Los Olivos, has opened to give the Mijas golf complex 36 holes...

FAR EAST: If such exotic destinations as Sri Lanka and Thailand appeal, Gofflink are the operators to contact.

MOROCCO: Longshot Golf offer a Pro-Am package in Morocco where green fees are cheaper than in Portugal or Spain, from Feb 16-23. The cost of the package is £499 for an amateur player and £328 for a non-

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO: Longshot Golf are organizing the Johnnie Walker Mount Trnva Bay Pro-Am in Tobago from March 2-15. The cost, based on sharing twin rooms, is £1,158 per amateur golfer and £717 for a non-player...

UNITED STATES: Checking with your local travel agent is the best method of approaching an American golfing holiday. Florida offers a vast selection of courses. GreatWest Resort and Club at Boca Raton, where there are four 18-hole courses...

VIRGIN ISLANDS: Gofflink offer 11 days in the Virgin Islands, where there are three excellent courses, from £912. Further information: Aer Lingus, Irish Tourist Board, 150 New Bond Street, London W1 (01-493 3201); 6-8 Temple Row, Birmingham B2 (021-236 9724); 26 Cross Street, Manchester M2 (061-832 5981); 19 Dixon Street, Glasgow G1 (01-562 8500); Blue Arrow Golf, Gamp Road, St Albans, Hertfordshire (0727 56200); Caravela Tours, 38-44 Gillingham Street, London SW1 (01-630 9223); Eurogolf, 41 Watford Way, Hendon, London NW4 (01-202 0151); Gofflink, 131A Heston Road, Middlesex (01-577 1200); Goffings, Twickenham Travel, 84 Hampton Road, Twickenham, Middlesex (01-894 8500); Hardelet Holidays, Hornstead Road, Ramsden Bellhouse, Billerica, Essex (0268 711220); Longshot Golf, 135 Greenford Road, Sudbury Hill, Harrow, Middlesex (01-422 8200); Sol Golf, Guildhall Street, Preston, Lancashire (0772 28222); Spanish Tourist Board, 57 St James's Street, London SW1 (01-489 0891); Travel Club of Uppminster, Station Road, Uppminster, Essex (04022 25000).

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FAMILY LIFE

On the rink and in the pink



Young blades: Children take to the ice at Gillingham's new rink, which caters for toddlers and grandmothers alike

You don't have to be slim, supple and six to learn to skate (though it helps). You can, according to Ray Jackson, rink manager at The Ice Stadium, Nottingham...

the mood of the skaters at any particular time and encouraging that mood.

I asked him whether there were any age barriers to skating. "None at all. As soon as you can walk, you can skate - and provided you are relatively fit and supple - you can take it up at any age, though obviously you will be a bit slower if you start at say 45 than you would at 25."

Adrian Florence, manager of the second newest rink in the country - The Ice Bowl at Gillingham, Kent, opened in September 1984 - endorsed this view. Florence is a gold medalist and taught skating for 16 years before taking up his present post.

Judy Froshaug discovers the rewards of getting your skates on

"I remember one old man who skated at Streatham up to three weeks before he died - and that was at 86! Of course it helps to be fit but you don't even have to be able-bodied. I've known skaters with artificial legs and we have also organized tuition for handicapped children here at Gillingham, so it really is a sport for all, though if you intend to take it up on a fairly regular basis I think it's worth having a couple of lessons - to get you going and to prevent you from picking up bad habits."

"I reckon that after a 15-minute lesson, most people can skate to a minimum standard. And as far as children are concerned, learning to skate teaches them excellent hand/foot coordination. You will find that kids who can skate can do most other sports well - whether it's riding a bike, football or hockey or dancing."

Gillian Snarey, a 39-year-old wife and mother of two small children told me how she came to take up skating. "As a child I always wanted to skate - but it was out of reach, both financially and geographically."

there was no rink near by. When we moved near to Streatham my son was four, and loved any kind of sport. I took him to the rink and he liked skating straight away. We have skated ever since - Peter is seven now - and my daughter, Karen, who is four also loves it. Sometimes my husband joins us at the weekend.

"Peter has four or five lessons a week. Karen two. I come when I can. I'd love to do more but with the children having private tuition we can't really afford it. (The cost for 15 minutes private tuition is £3.15 at Streatham, fairly representative fee across the board).

"They are both good, but I don't plan a professional future for them. They skate as often as they do because they want to - if either of them wanted to give it up they could." Peter was vehement that he did not want to. "It's my favourite sport - and I think I do want to be a skater when I grow up. I like it when my mum and sister come too because it's good fun."

Fun is a word I hear used to describe skating time and time again - along with "relaxing", "healthy" and "social". Experts and amateurs alike agree that one of the chief benefits is the feeling of overall well-being that follows a skating session. It's a wonderful way of unwinding after a heavy week, said one young father. "It's great to be able to be with your wife and kids, doing something rather than standing on the sidelines - even if you sometimes feel a bit of a berk beside someone half your size and a quarter of your age whom it is better than you'll ever be in a month of Sundays."

Outings

GOLD TOP NATIONAL GYMNASTICS COMPETITION: Voluntary exercise competition on Olympic apparatus by the top six men and women gymnasts in Britain. First opportunity to see them in action in 1985. Royal Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London SW7 (S88 8212). Today, starting 1.30pm. Tickets -

interviews with London schoolchildren, highlighting the feelings of children projected into different and unfamiliar environments.

Uniform Theatre for Children, Great Newport Street, London WC2 (836 3334). Today, tomorrow and every weekend until Feb 17 at 2.30pm. Tickets £2.40 - £3.40 plus 10p for non members.

11am, 2pm, 4.30pm. Tickets £1.75.

A LATE LATE CHRISTMAS CAROL: Based on the Dickens classic, this version may appeal to parents and teachers with a penchant for the works of the Victorian master. Studio Theatre, Derby Playhouse, Derby (0332 363275). Today, Fri, Jan 26 at 8pm, Jan 28-31 at 7.30pm. All tickets £1.20.

will take place, whatever the weather.

Hankerin, Brandy Wharf, Waddingham, Gainsborough, Lincolnshire, Tomorrow, 11.30am-3pm. For details telephone I. Horsley on 06527 364.

TOWARDS TOMORROW: An exhibition of photographs of children in and out of school during the 1950s, '60s and '70s.

Church Farm House Museum, Greyhound Hill, Hendon (238 0130). Until Feb 10, Mon-Sat 10am-1pm, 2-5.30pm (except Tues when morning only), Sun 2-5.30pm. Admission free.

LINCOLNSHIRE WASSAILING SUNDAY: The traditional blessing of apple trees and frightening-off of evil spirits. The organizers say it

will take place, whatever the weather. Hankerin, Brandy Wharf, Waddingham, Gainsborough, Lincolnshire, Tomorrow, 11.30am-3pm. For details telephone I. Horsley on 06527 364.

IN THE GARDEN

When the cabbage patch sprouts walking sticks

Before you commit yourself to spending money on a programme of work for 1985, take the time to look at all there is on offer - the only outlay is on stamps for catalogues. All the firms have competitive prices, but there is often only one that will supply the varieties you would like.

Ashley Stephenson finds more than food for thought in the latest crop of seed catalogues

One of the brightest and most colourful catalogues this year is from Thompson & Morgan, London Road, Ipswich IP2 0BA. They have a very wide range of stock and especially of unusual plants. New for 1985 is Geranium x hybrid T & M Speckles. The petal background is white or light pink speckled with scarlet, red or a deep pink; each head can be different but at the same time it is possible to get heads which are all the same. Seven seeds cost 95p.

planted out and flower in mid-June. Few gardeners never try to grow tomatoes. Shirley is a new variety form Unwins; in the south you could grow it in a sheltered spot outside, but north of Northampton give it some protection.

S. E. Marshall & Co. Regal Road, Wisbech, Cambridgeshire PE13 2RF are a small firm who produce good seeds. They list a number of new varieties including Asparagus Lunulus, introduced at Chelsea this year and a good plant for those who have room to grow this vegetable. Male plants only are produced, which increases the yield as the plants do not use energy making the reproductive seed of the female plants. Athens is an all-female cucumber, much easier to raise for the amateur as all the flowers produce fruits, and they are easier to train. Keep an eye open for male flowers as these may be produced and could spoil a good crop. A number of the newer varieties of potato are also listed.

Chelsea Choice Seeds are based at Folly Farm, Stortford Road, Dunmow, Essex CM6 1SG. Their catalogue is composed of tried and tested varieties; new forms are usually new to the catalogue and not novelties. Impatiens Futura are still some of the best as are non stop begonias and the marigolds Pascal, Sophie and Boy o' Boy are still grown commercially and are among the best.



Stout support: Thompson and Morgan's novelty cabbage

CONCISE CROSSWORD (No 548)

Prizes of the Collins Thesaurus will be given for the first two correct solutions opened on Thursday, January 24, 1985. Entries should be addressed to The Times Concise Crossword Competition, 12 Coley Street, London WC9 9YT. The winners and solution will be announced on Saturday, January 26, 1985.

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down.

SOLUTION TO No 547: ACROSS: 1 Rebuff 5 Decant 8 Ode 9 Banger 10 Moros 11 Code 12 Gangster 14 Hector 17 Stodge 19 Acetone 22 Edam 24 Rapids 25 Vulgar 26 Ere 27 Stress 28 Depend DOWN: 2 Evade 3 Unguent 4 Forager 5 Demon 6 Corp 7 Nest egg 13 Gut 15 Elegant 16 Och 17 Shelved 18 Overlap 20 Tripe 21 Eases 23 Again

High-priority hybrids

Of the house plants that are so popular at this time of year, azaleas are among the most attractive but the hardest to grow. Members of the rhododendron family, they dislike lime in both soil and water. There are a number of lime-free composts as well as some which are recommended for ericaceous plants only and in areas where the water has a high lime content it is the wise gardener who collects rainwater for lime hating plants.

Indoor azaleas are hybrids of Rhododendron Simsii, sometimes known as Azalea Indica, the Indian azalea. Plants for the home should be carefully selected: they should have a number of flowers fully open, a high percentage of buds showing in colour, and only a few buds tight and green. Unless conditions are good it is difficult to



Thirsty beauty: The azalea indica needs plenty of water

Heady scents

The best known of the jasmynes is the common white, Jasminum officinale, which flowers in summer. The winter jasmine, J. nudiflorum, is in flower now and will be until mid March. This is probably the next best known variety and it is often seen in gardens all over the country. Since last year was so mild this plant is in better shape than usual as more flowers than ever have opened together on the bushes.

Another winter flowering jasmine is J. polyanthum, which unlike J. nudiflorum is not hardy and needs to be grown in a greenhouse. Other differences are that nudiflorum is a woody plant, not a climber, whilst polyanthum is a twining climber; nudiflorum has yellow unscented flowers whilst polyanthum flowers are white and very sweetly scented. Flowers are produced on nudiflorum from the axils of last year's shoots; in polyanthum the flowers are formed on panicles from the current year's shoots. Ideally nudiflorum should be planted against a wall so that the flowers are protected as they can be burnt by cold frosty winds, but the plant itself is hardy. To enable it to reach its full height of 10ft it needs some form of staking; a framework of trellis or a few ties on the main stems of the plant should suffice.

J. polyanthum is half hardy and may sometimes be grown outside if the climate is warm enough. This really means only in the south and south west where it will flower in the spring. Temperatures below 40°F will harm the plant. A greenhouse border is the best site as they prefer a free root run, but they do well enough in pots, which should not be less than 10in. They should never be allowed to become dry at the roots. Polyanthum is often seen as a house plant but the pot size may be a drawback.

BRIDGE

The ruff and the smooth

Obviously the experts make less mistakes than most, but they make them, all the same, and with sufficient frequency to disturb their complacency. Errors in the bidding can sometimes be comfortably dismissed as "a matter of style" and failures in card play or defence can be said to be "wrong views". But there remain the downright inexcusable mistakes. What causes these? Almost invariably either a loss of concentration, or sheer panic. Here is an example of the former.

Bridge hand diagram showing cards and play sequence.

Two spades would not be everyone's choice. North obviously expected South to bid a six card suit, and his final bid of six spades cannot be faulted. South, an expert, took the lead of the Q10 in hand with the Q1, mentally chiding up a sizeable rubber. He played the ace and king of spades. When West discarded a club, it came as a nasty jolt. He tried the hearts, but the contribution of the Q9 by a normally guileless East persuaded him that they were unlikely to break.

He decided to amend his plan. Cash the side winner ending in dummy, and then score his 77 on passant. He returned to hand with the Q9, on which West discarded another club. But when he

played a club to the K and East ruffed, the slam had disappeared, together with his composure.

It took the remark of one of his watching fans to dispel the remnants of his self-satisfaction. "Surely when West discards on the second round of diamonds, the hand is an open book. East has shown five spades, two hearts and six diamonds. All you have to do at that point is play three rounds of spades."

This would be the four card ending, with East on play. Reasonably, West returned a heart which declarer won in hand. But when declarer played Q10, West put his thinking cap on in earnest. He had noted East's 48, if East had three spades, West could allow the Q10 to run to East's A9, receive his club ruff and wait for a diamond trick.

"That's all very well", he thought, "how silly I will look if South has four spades". Reluctantly he played the Q9, and cursed inwardly when East contributed the Q9. "That's torn it", he thought, as he limply continued with a third heart. Now declarer was home. He ruffed his third spade, cashed dummy's VA, returned to hand with the QA, drew the last trump and made three club tricks, with the aid of the marked finesse against East's Q10.

Now do you see what I mean by panic? If West had stopped to think after winning the Q9, he could have envisaged declarer's communication problems. After ruffing his diamond in dummy, declarer must return to his hand to draw the last trump. As West can ruff clubs, the only suit available is diamonds. Notice the difference if West switches to the Q9. South can duck, but must win the continuation. After ruffing a spade in dummy he can return to hand by ruffing a diamond, but he had lost trump control.

The moral is this: as a defender, you will often only get one chance. On the rare occasions when you are lucky enough to get a second, don't throw it away by fruitless remorse over your earlier error.

Jeremy Flint

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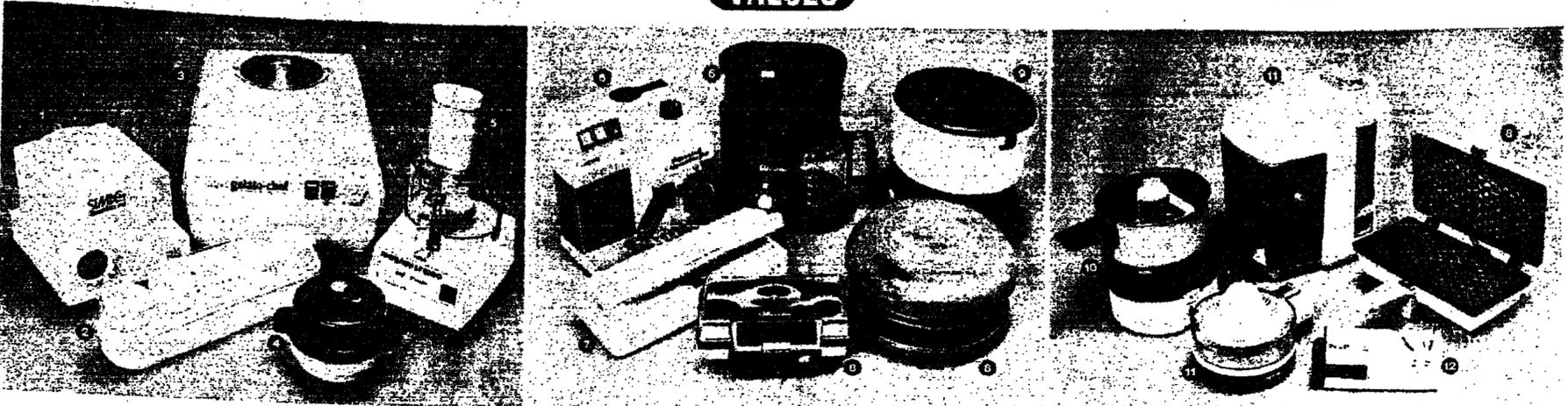
Young masters to the rescue

The absence of Britain's leading grandmasters at the Hastings Chess Tournament was regrettable, but such is the tradition of the tournament that our younger masters succeeded in filling the gap more than adequately. For those who love the game and respect its traditions it is almost awe-inspiring to reflect that such famous chess figures as Steinitz, Capablanca and Spassky once trod these shores and incurred the same risk of catching influenza as I, alas, have done.

The Russian grandmaster Eugene Sveshnikov, upped to win from the beginning, made sure of first prize with a 12-move draw against Flear in the last round. Here is a fine game won in the tenth round by the Cambridge University player, William Watson, over a Yugoslav grandmaster, Abramovic. White: W. Watson. Black: B. Abramovic. Vienna Game. 1 P-K4 P-K3 2 N-K2 N-K3 3 B-N5 B-N3 4 B-N2 N-B3 5 P-Q3 P-Q3 6 P-Q4 P-Q4 7 P-Q5 P-Q4 8 P-Q6 P-Q4 9 P-Q7 P-Q4 10 P-Q8 P-Q4 11 P-Q9 P-Q4 12 P-Q10 P-Q4 13 P-Q11 P-Q4 14 P-Q12 P-Q4 15 P-Q13 P-Q4 16 P-Q14 P-Q4 17 P-Q15 P-Q4 18 P-Q16 P-Q4 19 P-Q17 P-Q4 20 P-Q18 P-Q4 21 P-Q19 P-Q4 22 P-Q20 P-Q4 23 P-Q21 P-Q4 24 P-Q22 P-Q4 25 P-Q23 P-Q4 26 P-Q24 P-Q4 27 P-Q25 P-Q4 28 P-Q26 P-Q4 29 P-Q27 P-Q4 30 P-Q28 P-Q4 31 P-Q29 P-Q4 32 P-Q30 P-Q4 33 P-Q31 P-Q4 34 P-Q32 P-Q4 35 P-Q33 P-Q4 36 P-Q34 P-Q4 37 P-Q35 P-Q4 38 P-Q36 P-Q4 39 P-Q37 P-Q4 40 P-Q38 P-Q4 41 P-Q39 P-Q4 42 P-Q40 P-Q4 43 P-Q41 P-Q4 44 P-Q42 P-Q4 45 P-Q43 P-Q4 46 P-Q44 P-Q4 47 P-Q45 P-Q4 48 P-Q46 P-Q4 49 P-Q47 P-Q4 50 P-Q48 P-Q4 51 P-Q49 P-Q4 52 P-Q50 P-Q4 53 P-Q51 P-Q4 54 P-Q52 P-Q4 55 P-Q53 P-Q4 56 P-Q54 P-Q4 57 P-Q55 P-Q4 58 P-Q56 P-Q4 59 P-Q57 P-Q4 60 P-Q58 P-Q4 61 P-Q59 P-Q4 62 P-Q60 P-Q4 63 P-Q61 P-Q4 64 P-Q62 P-Q4 65 P-Q63 P-Q4 66 P-Q64 P-Q4 67 P-Q65 P-Q4 68 P-Q66 P-Q4 69 P-Q67 P-Q4 70 P-Q68 P-Q4 71 P-Q69 P-Q4 72 P-Q70 P-Q4 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VALUES



The magic of gadgets

Some kitchen appliances are a boon, others a bugbear. Beryl Downing, helped by three cooks, investigates



MICHAEL SMITH is an authority on English food and its history. He writes every month for Homes and Gardens and is known on both sides of the television screen...

Was there life before the work? How did we mix before the Magi? Is there any point at all to the outcrop of electrical gadgets...

historian and Caroline Read (CR), one of a growing band of women chefs who are winning food awards throughout the country...

her favourite appliance (see below). SCP uses hers less and less. She likes it for making mayonnaise and cold sauces...

- Toasted sandwich maker - Breville £18.95 (£16.95); Waffle maker, Breville £19.95 (£17.95); Tefal Burger maker £24.50
Yoghurt maker - Salton £9.95 (£8.50)
Pasta maker - Simac Pastamatic £89.95 (£79.95)
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Egg boiler - Philips £10.95 (£8.95)
Citrus press - Philips £8.95 (£7.95); Moulinex Juice Extractor £26.95 (£23.95)
Knife sharpener - Philips £11.95

Sparky notions for safe connections

Are plugless appliances a minor irritation or a safety hazard? It seems that many people who think they know how to attach a standard three-pin plug are not as proficient as they might be.



SHONA CRAWFORD POOLE, when not testing recipes for her weekly cookery column in The Times, prefers to cook for no more than four people at a time...

name her favourite, she immediately started to talk about knives - good quality carbon steel only - as the most important item in a kitchen...

the Mouli produces and, as she enjoys the manual aspects of cooking and is keenly aware of texture, she would not be without a piece of marble for making pastry.

Opinions divided. MIS has used a food processor ever since they first appeared in America about 12 years ago...

Professional cooks care far more about knives than amateurs and never let them get really blunt. Any knife sharpener is better than none...

DRINK

Californian competition for the claret classics

Ask any premier grand cru proprietor that he thinks of comparative tastings between France and California and the conversation, in most cases, will drop instantly to sub-zero temperatures.

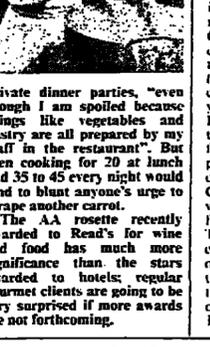


"And another thing, my fine froggy friends - our Californian wines are a damn sight quicker."

staunchly claim that, as you are not comparing like with like, such tastings are irrelevant. At this stage, with the California wine industry still a baby compared with the centuries-old traditions of Bordeaux...

fruit of Robert Mondavi's Reserve (Californian) and, by comparison, the restrained blackcurrant fruit of Latour (French). Heitz, in sixth place, with its minty, beefy taste was again an obvious California "cab"...

CAROLINE READ is a rising star in that most fickle of firmaments - the London restaurant circuit. With a Gordon Bleu course and a couple of provincial hotel jobs behind her...



private dinner parties, "even though I am spoiled because things like vegetables and pastry are all prepared by my staff in the restaurant"...

Freeze heaters Motorsists who are still looking for something to unfreeze their assets may have found that many garages have run out of de-icers...

SHOPFRONT 568 should reassure any doubters. Highly collectible ceramics are the main exhibits, shown by the V&A craft shop...

There are, of course, a host of other electrical gadgets, most illustrated above. Among those more commonly found are: Carving knife. Not used by our cooks...

By Peter Waymark

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Television and radio choice

ON THE AIR

Rare talent in studies of the grotesque

Every so often there comes along a film that is so startlingly imaginative that it defies literal description and forces the spectator to abandon conventional notions of plot and narrative. One such is David Lynch's Eraserhead, which gets its British television premiere on Channel 4 on Friday (11.15pm-12.55am).

Films on TV

Henry watches a fluffily blonde with plaster-of-paris cheeks performing on a stage. There is a visit from the attractive woman in the apartment opposite who has locked herself out and wants to stay the night. But nothing is exactly what it seems.

The credits proclaim "a David Lynch film" and this is the literal truth. He not only wrote and directed but was the editor, designer, creator of the visual effects and joint creator of the sound effects. His most significant collaborators were the cameramen, Frederick Elmes and Herbert Cardwell, whose atmospheric black-and-white photography makes an impressive contribution.



Surrealist indulgences: John Nance, as Henry, dreams of dark and terrible things

Also recommended

Friendship Persuasion (1956): William Wyler's polished, leisurely account of the effects of the American Civil War on a Quaker family in Indiana; Gary Cooper plays the father and Anthony Perkins the eldest son and Omri Tickler's title song was a hit for Pat Boone (BBC1, tomorrow, 1.50-4.05pm).

Born Yesterday (1950): Billie Holiday learning the social graces from writer William Holden, and winning herself an Oscar. Broderick Crawford is her junk-dealer boyfriend; directed from Garson Kanin's stage hit by George Cukor (BBC2, Mon, 6-7.45pm).

Went the Day Well? (1942): Leslie Banks and Basil Sydney lead Cavalcanti's Ealing film, based on a story by Graham Greene, about the Nazi infiltration of a placid English village (Channel 4, Thurs, 2.30-4.10pm).

Peek at the peers of the realm

The most unpredictable programme of the week is on Wednesday when cameras go into the House of Lords for a debate on the economy. This first television coverage of Parliament, the start of a six-month experiment, can be seen on BBC1 from 7.10 to 3.45pm, BBC2 3.45-7.10pm and Channel 4 from 2.15-7pm.

Television

expected to take part in Wednesday's debate. On a related theme, BBC2 is showing an American documentary called Television and the Presidency, a timely look at Ronald Reagan begins his second term, at the 30-year interplay between politicians and the small screen.

Israel (BBC2, today, 10.20-11.40pm). Julie Walters first came to prominence in a comedy double act with Victoria Wood. Then she made a film called Educational Rita and became an international star.

There is no argument that Sir Michael Tippett is our greatest living composer, yet even in the most committed musical circles he remains an acquired taste. His formidable, original talent is not easily assimilated; he lacks the popular appeal of an Elgar or a Vaughan Williams or even Benjamin Britten, another composer labelled "difficult".

Richard Rodney Bennett and commissioned by the Royal Philharmonic Society. The concert also includes the Tippett Piano Concerto, in which the soloist is Paul Crossley; and the 4th Symphony, with Sir Michael conducting (Wednesday, from 9pm).

"The Blue Guitar" (6.30-7pm); and the second half of the Festival Hall concert by the BBC Symphony Orchestra is devoted to the composer's first important work, the oratorio A Child For Our Time, which was written during the Second World War and had its premiere in 1944 (8.15-9.35pm).

The Lords, being of mature years and less divided on party lines, produce a generally higher standard of debate. Or so we are told; now television will be there to check. Will their lordships play to the camera, as opponents of the idea fear? Or, and this must be an equal fear, will the proceedings be so dull that once the novelty has passed no one will bother to watch?



Peer politics: Cameras await Lord Stockton

the literary anniversary of 1985 is the centenary of the birth of D. H. Lawrence. Anthony Burgess assesses one of the century's most important writers in The South Bank Show tomorrow (all ITV regions, 10.30-11.30pm). Burgess sees him as a visionary, making a plea for feeling in a materialistic age. The film also explores Lawrence's stormy relationship with England and the English.

In another Festival Hall occasion, the London Symphony Orchestra performs the premiere of Moving Into Aquarius, written in honour of Sir Michael by Thea Musgrave and



Knight music: Microphones tuned to Sir Michael Tippett

CONCERTS

Movements of modern times

No less than six world premieres by such leading composers as Pierre Boulez and Lannis Xenakis are included in "1955—Music of the last 30 years", the latest in the London Sinfonietta's interesting series of concerts.

Then the series moves to St John's, Smith Square, London SW1, where at 7.30pm on Thursday we get two more firsts: the British premiere of Kurtág's Scenes from a Novel and the complete performance of an ancient Nicholas Maw's Life Studies. Ligeti's Horn Trio is in the programme as well, in which Anthony Pay conducts and Adrienne Csengery sings.

Osborne. The concert also includes the UK premiere of Sven-David Sandström's Flute Concerto (soloist, Sebastian Bell). Another brace of world premieres occur one week later, on February 14 at 7.30pm, again at St John's. These are of Simon Bainbridge's A Cappella and a new piece, as yet unnamed, by Lannis Xenakis. Harrold Blustein's Chronometer and Maurizio Kagel's Pas de Cinq are also included. All these are choral works, sung by the London Sinfonietta Voices conducted by Elgar Howarth.

Max Harrison For booking details, telephone 01-549 5747.

SEQUEIRA COSTA Tomorrow, 7.15pm, Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank Besides Beethoven's Sonata Op 7, Schubert's Fantasie in G major, Liszt's Sonata in E major, and Liszt's Sonata in E major, each long for the Second Sunday after Epiphany, the D minor Concerto for violin and oboe.

Dudley National Piano Competition, performs a suitably ambitious programme, with Bach-Busoni Chaconne, Beethoven's "Waldstein" Sonata, Liszt's Après une Lecture de Dante, some Scriabin, including Vers la Flamme, and some Rachmaninov Preludes Op 23 and 32.

Answers to the Quiz of the Year

Congratulations to all those who gave up their 12 days of Christmas to wrestling with our Christmas prize quiz, published on December 22. No one succeeded in getting full marks out of 127, but in view of the competition's intentional bestiality, the standard of entries was commendably high.

1. The Queen, pulsing the tide at the opening of the Thames barrier. 2. Princess Margaret on The Archers. 3. Prince Andrew. 4. The Prince of Wales. 5. Prince Edward. 6. Prince Harry.

1. He is Britain's tallest man. 2. Any restaurant according to The Good Food Guide. 3. Hawswater, in the drought. 4. In shops (it is a new soft cheese). 5. Paul McCartney, receiving the freedom of Liverpool. 6. Eric. 7. Bretton Hall, Wakefield (Hepworth sculptures). 8. London Bridge. 9. An Animal Liberation Front claim that bars contained rat poison. 10. During the strike at Disneyland, California.

1. Norman Tebbit. 2. Norman Tebbit. 3. Professor Richard Cobb, chairman of the Booker Prize judges. 4. Ms Geraldine Ferraro. 5. J.B. Priestley. 6. Robert Maxwell. 7. Derek Jameson. 8. President Reagan. 9. Shirley MacLaine (of Jack Nicholson). 10. Ian McGreggor. 11. Francis Pym. 12. Nigel Lawson. 13. Mr Paul Hopkins, last editor of Tribune. 14. Mrs Thatcher. 15. Roy Hattersley.

Name the other half We asked you to name the people usually paired with the characters shown in the pictures. The answers are: 1. Nicky Slater (partner of Ian dancer Kara Barber, who was pictured). 2. George Sand (Chopin). 3. St George (the dragon). 4. Louis XVI (Marie Antoinette). 5. Bud Abbott (Lon Costello). 6. Bernard Shaw (Mrs Patrick Campbell). 7. Nikita Khrushchev (Nina Kravchenko). 8. Buzz Aldrin (Neil Armstrong). 9. Larry Hagman (Mary Martin). 10. Dr. Jekyll (Frederick March as Mr Hyde). 11. Elsie Waters (Doris Waters). 12. Sir Henry Royce (C. S. Rolls). 13. Clark Gable (Carole Lombard). 14. Captain Robert Falcon Scott (Rodd Amundsen). 15. Charles II (Neil Gwyn). 16. Sir Arthur Whitten Brown (Capt Alcock). 17. David Lloyd George (Mrs Lloyd George). 18. Sir Edmund Hillary (Tenzing). 19. David Livingstone (H. M. Stanley). 20. Jim Morrison (Amy Johnson). 21. Roy Rogers (Tessie). 22. Arthur Lucan (Kitty McShane). 23. Herbert Squire (Jack Hobbs). 24. William Powell (Myrna Loy).

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Video cassettes of the month

REVIEW

Stages in the life of a man born to be King

Last week, as anyone who ever backbomed a beehive or donned a drape will be able to tell you, saw the fifth anniversary of the birth of Elvis Aaron Presley in East Tupelo, Mississippi. Known to millions simply as "The King", his particular vocal style was slurred, an elision from one note to the next; the words of the songs were often mumbled, but he was still the master of emotional delivery until his last, sad shows. It was as an interpreter of other people's material that Elvis excelled. During the early 1950s, he was the iconoclast who brought black blues music to the top of the pop charts: radio stations used to announce that he was, in fact, a white boy after playing his early singles. The nickname "The Pelvis", which referred to his gyrations while he was singing, was dropped after the first few years. His manager, Colonel Tom Parker, cleaned up his image and set him on the road to becoming an "entertainer" rather than a rebellious rock and roller. Television shows refused to film him except from the waist up through those early days: watching these videos today, it is hard to understand what all the fuss was about. Jailhouse Rock, made in 1957, follows the career of

Jailhouse Rock (92 mins); Double Trouble (91 mins); Speedway (93 mins); It Happened at the World's Fair (104 mins); Viva Las Vegas (90 mins); Elvis on Tour (89 mins). All MGM/UA, £24.99 each. Vince (Presley), a young lout who spends time in the state penitentiary and, after his release, decides to become a singer. New to the game and untutored in the devious ways of the music business, he is swindled by a record company and decides to pass and distribute his own single. Wild success follows - along with girl trouble and management problems - but it all turns out happily in the end. Young and aggressive, with a few neat lines in insult and an extraordinarily rude way with women, it is Elvis's acting which is interesting and not his singing. Apart from the title track, the songs are unmemorable; but he plays the part of a sulky and ill-mannered youth with great conviction. By the time Elvis had become a star, the films were written as vehicles to show him off at what was thought to be his best advantage. They are not particularly interesting as films and they run to a formula, with Elvis chasing the girl, being given the brush-off, having a



Rock of ages: Elvis in his 'Pelvis' days, as the star of Speedway, and towards the end of his career

intervals, were never heard of again. Viva Las Vegas (1963) did contain one hit song - the title track - and it had the added attraction of Ann-Margret as the heroine; when he had a good actress to work with, Elvis's performance seemed to improve. His acting has a generosity and lightness which give some hint of his enormous appeal during the early 1960s which had faded by the time that he became a showman.

putting on spectacular concerts for the blue-rose set in, ironically, Las Vegas, during the 1970s. Elvis on Tour (1972) is a collection of clips from four shows, with a few minutes of documentary footage and scenes backstage. It is both depressing and ultimately uplifting. Glittering with spangles and with his hair a bright blue-black helmet, he lumbers through "Johnny B. Goode". "Proud

Mary", "Polk Salad Annie" and "Suspicious Minds"; the crowds respond to this parody with screams, sobbing and wild applause. The backing band is superb but it is not until the last few songs, filmed at a concert in Memphis, that Elvis finally catches fire and reminds us of his unique talent; "Lady Miss Clawdy" and "A Big Hunk O' Love" were both recorded originally in the late 1950s and it is the mixture of rock and

gospel which seems to inspire him. His voice is strong, he smiles and there is an indefinable surge of excitement which lifts the performance out of the routine plod. An object of veneration to millions, his memory now a billion-dollar industry, it is worth remembering that in the early days, Elvis was considered as outrageous as any Johnny Rotten; once he had crossed the line to become an entertainer rather than a rocker, his appeal

to the young waned. He will always retain the title of the father (or indeed grandfather) of rock 'n' roll. One of the greatest interpreters of lyrics, his control and sense of timing still astonish; looking at these films, it is hard not to feel saddened that his talent for creating a memorable performance from someone else's words was not put to better use. Prudence Hone



Hammy Hamlet: Mel Brooks makes monkeys of the video Nazis in To Be Or Not To Be

Winning wars against pirates and nasties

One safe prediction for the volatile world of video is that the issues which have loomed largest in 1983 and 1984 will be much less heard of in 1985. One is piracy and the other is nasties. On piracy - the video industry prefers the less glamorous word theft - it does seem that a combination of the higher penalties available to the courts and the efforts of the industry's watchdog, FACT (Federation Against Copyright Theft), has succeeded in stamping out the worst abuses. The selling of illegally copied tapes still goes on. But what was once a highly organized criminal activity has been contained to the point where pirate copies are now being sold mainly in public houses or from the boots of cars on housing estates. As for nasties, 1984 saw the passage of the Video Recordings Act, popularly known as the Agnew's 112th Annual Exhibition of Watercolours and Drawings are renowned for their eagerness. "We always claim it's the only show that has a queue", Susan Valentine of the gallery says. As a special concession to the genteel stamping of feet (due in equal parts to impatience and the cold), Agnew's will open a quarter of an hour early, at 9.15am, on Monday, the first morning of the sale. This must be one of the few London sales that will not attract the Americans, currently yielding the mighty dollar in their attack on Knightsbridge. "The nice thing about this exhibition is that 90 per cent of the customers are English", Ms Valentine says. "Americans don't know anything about English watercolours." Buyers, she says, are "English county families" after "a scene of a river down the road from home". There are plenty of such subjects in the show, including typical rural English scenes as well as specific landmarks: Coniston Water, Snowdon, the Thames at Chelsea Reach. Among the finest works are a series by Thomas Girtin, of Tintern Abbey, Exeter and Durham Cathedrals. Prices range from £25 upwards. Few exceed £1,000 but of exceptional quality are two watercolours by Turner, "The Valley of the Wharfe" and "Bonnevillie, Savoy". Their prices are so high they have not been printed in the catalogue. "They cost tens of thousands",

Peter Waymark on the news from the industry

category that could include any feature film with a 15 or 18 certificate. In practice, though some police forces have been over-zealous in their seizure of tapes - even Love Story because it had love in the title - the Act has not been followed by a wave of prosecutions. Even when videos, like the notorious The Evil Dead, have been brought before the courts, juries have been reluctant to convict. Indeed some titles withdrawn in anticipation of the Act are being reissued. One such is Possession, a love story and respectable enough to get Isabelle Adjani the best actress award at the Cannes Film Festival in 1981. The test of the Bright Act is how far it bans the genuine nasties while leaving alone films of artistic merit so far the evidence is reassuring. On the hardware front, the likelihood is that the rapid growth in ownership of video recorders of the last few years will start to slow down. During 1984 the number of machines in use in

Britain rose from around six million to nearly eight million. The industry forecast for 1985 is for a further one and a quarter million machines, a handy increase but also a sign that the boom may be over. A glance through the latest software announcements shows that what appear to be new titles are often re-releases of existing ones. Instead of flooding the market with new products, distributors are putting their weight behind the tried and tested ones. This means that the customer will have a narrower choice and that the popular titles will prevail, which may be bad news for those with more discerning tastes, though there are still companies, notably Palace Video, prepared to cater for the minority. Palace, for instance, is the distributor of The Mission, the well-received thriller about Iranian fanatics in New York with Parviz Sayyad, the Iranian exile, in the triple role of writer-director-star. Palace, too, has put out

Laughtonhouse, an underrated British comedy by Richard Eyre. Two more examples of the new British cinema making their bow on cassette are Seven Places (Rank), directed by Zeldia Barron from Janice Elliott's novel, set in an English boarding school during the Second World War; and Another Country (Virgin Video). Julian Mitchell's adaptation of his stage play inspired by the spy, Guy Burgess. More in the commercial mainstream are Police Academy (Warner Home Video), which does for the American cop what National Lampoon's Animal House did for the college campus, and To Be Or Not To Be (CBS/Fox), Mel Brooks's remake of the old Jack Benny comedy about a Warsaw theatre trying to survive the Nazis. Blame It On Rio (Thorn EM), the romantic comedy with Michael Caine, could do better on video than in the cinema. The classic revival of the month is This Happy Breed (Rank), Noel Coward's chronicle of suburban life between the wars

COLLECTING

Cardboard cut-outs, muscles and myths

Like many obsessed collectors, I have an "official" collection (in my case of contemporary art), which I cheerfully admit to owning and even on occasion boast about, as well as several minor ones. One or two of these might be regarded as distinctly eccentric. Items from what is probably the oddest of them have now begun to appear framed on my walls, interspersed with the modern paintings and drawings, so I suppose I may as well stop being coy about it. I collect movie-stills.

These are not the highly polished glamour portraits of the great Hollywood stars of the 1930s - Marlene Dietrich, Joan Crawford, Clark Gable and the rest - which are now quite fashionable and often distinctly expensive, but still from what French cinéastes used to call "peplum pictures". The boys from Cahiers du Cinéma took this very seriously indeed, but on the whole no one else has ever done so, either when they were made or since. The two best-remembered and most typical examples are Hercules and Hercules Unchained, both starring Steve Reeves. They triggered off a whole cycle of similar pictures, most of them made in Italy in the late 1950s and '60s, though there have also been recent signs of a revival in the genre. A Hercules movie was made quite recently, starring Lou Ferrigno, better known as the Incredible Hulk.

"Peplum pictures" are recreations of Greek myth in comic-strip terms. They feature bearded bodybuilders clad in abbreviated tunics (hence the generic name), lush Italian beauties robed in clinging chiffon, suits of armour which would have amazed any Greek by their sheer impracticality, acres of cardboard architecture, and unbelievably stilted dialogue studded with ludicrous Americanisms. This is often totally out of synch with the actor's life. My great discovery, made when I stumbled across a couple of Steve Reeves stills almost by accident, was that still pictures are in this case a good deal better than the moving version. These moments of frozen action, mercifully silent, have a heroic affluence which the films themselves only vainly aspire



Still going strong: Steve Reeves in Hercules Unchained

to the more extravagant images remind me of the Pergamon Altar in East Berlin. Having come across a few Steve Reeves stills by chance, I then set forth in search of similar material. It turned out to be less easy to find than I had supposed. Steve Reeves himself is still a cult star, with a faithful fan club, even though he stopped making movies about 15 years ago, and only completed about 10 films in all. Some of these were, I think, never released in Britain, presumably because they were dreadful even by the standards of their genre. In Britain one can buy, from specialist shops dealing in movie memorabilia, posters for many of these films, themselves rather fetching examples of 1960s pop design. Prices range from £5 to about £25, according to condition and rarity. One can also occasionally find sets of lobby cards in bilious colours. But the black-

and-white stills are difficult to come by. The situation is different in the United States and I now try to add to my collection of stills every time I go to New York though here, too, stills featuring Reeves are much more readily available than those showing his lesser rivals, among them the British bodybuilder Reg Park. Shops such as Cinemabilia are excellent sources of supply, and produce folders of stills for one to choose from. Cheaper and with an even richer stock is an extraordinary hole in the wall called Jerry Ohlinger's Movie Material Store Inc at 120 West 3rd Street. This is in a strange little area between Greenwich Village and SoHo, and forms one of a row of rather similar stores - the others deal in the arena of Punk Rock. Jerry Ohlinger's has no frills. It is about the width of a railway carriage, and has a counter immediately inside the front entrance where would-be customers jostle for position, like thirsty drinkers trying to catch the barman's eye in a busy pub. When you have succeeded, it's as well to know precisely what you want - not merely the name of the star, but the title of the particular movie as well. Convince the staff that you know what you are after and they become immensely helpful and start pulling out portfolio after portfolio, each one stuffed with the popular dreams of our time. When I was last there, ordinary post-war stills were priced at the flat rate of \$2.50 each. Edward Lucie-Smith

Landscapes of England, metals and models

Although not going so far as to camp on the pavement, first day shoppers at the Agnew's 112th Annual Exhibition of Watercolours and Drawings are renowned for their eagerness. "We always claim it's the only show that has a queue", Susan Valentine of the gallery says. As a special concession to the genteel stamping of feet (due in equal parts to impatience and the cold), Agnew's will open a quarter of an hour early, at 9.15am, on Monday, the first morning of the sale. This must be one of the few London sales that will not attract the Americans, currently yielding the mighty dollar in their attack on Knightsbridge. "The nice thing about this exhibition is that 90 per cent of the customers are English", Ms Valentine says. "Americans don't know anything about English watercolours." Buyers, she says, are "English county families" after "a scene of a river down the road from home". There are plenty of such subjects in the show, including typical rural English scenes as well as specific landmarks: Coniston Water, Snowdon, the Thames at Chelsea Reach. Among the finest works are a series by Thomas Girtin, of Tintern Abbey, Exeter and Durham Cathedrals. Prices range from £25 upwards. Few exceed £1,000 but of exceptional quality are two watercolours by Turner, "The Valley of the Wharfe" and "Bonnevillie, Savoy". Their prices are so high they have not been printed in the catalogue. "They cost tens of thousands",



Theatrical: Picasso, star of a travelling show

GALLERIES



Smart art: Detail from 'Cézanne Paints a Cézanne' by Red Grooms

my informant says, explaining the firm's diffidence on the subject with "rich people are just as funny about money as the rest of us". The opening of Agnew's watercolour exhibition coincides almost exactly with the closing tomorrow of the Victoria and Albert Museum's 'The Lake District, which includes many watercolours by the same artists. Gallery-going Americans might feel more tempted by two other West End galleries next week: Blond and Marlborough Fine Art. Having moved from Sackville Street, Jonathan Blond reopens on Wednesday in Princes Street, W1, where he plans to run more contemporary shows and fewer of his other speciality - British art of the 1920s and '30s. His new artistic home is much larger than most West End galleries, with higher ceilings. He has kept it spartan

in design with an austere grey concrete floor, and no attempt to disguise the crude exit stairs at the back. "It's good that my gallery artists happen to be growing in confidence and painting much bigger", he says, in keeping with this mood of expansion and growth, the new gallery is situated in the basement of High and Mighty, the outside shop. Blond's first exhibition, Mixed Show, is a selection of work by nine gallery artists, including old retainers such as Max Blond and Joek McFadyen who send up society in their highly-executed work, and newly signed-up artists such as Neil Jeffries, who makes gentle genre scenes out of painted metal relief work. From Friday, Americans, and New Yorkers in particular, will be surprised to discover a sizeable slice of home-from-home at Marlborough Fine Art

Red Grooms: Recent Work. The 48-year-old Tennessee-born artist Red Grooms has installed a life-size cardboard re-creation of an alleyway in downtown New York SoHo, replete with fireplaces, graffiti-covered walls and human detritus. Red Grooms is a famous name in the United States, collected by the Hirshhorn Museum, Washington, the Metropolitan in New York and the Chicago Art Institute. His work is figurative and in mixed medium, including expressionist paintings, cardboard sculpture and environmental works, all inspired by the many countries he visits. After Japan, for example, he made models of, Tokyo and a geisha girl; after England he produced a cardboard London double-decker bus; accurate in general (colour correct; jammed full of multi-racial passengers) but not in particular (the number 4 has never travelled to the King's Road; conductors do not wear checked Rupert Bear trousers). Perhaps in order to be spared the criticism of pedantic residents, Red Grooms rarely shows his work in the country of its inspiration. Next week's exhibition is Red Grooms's first in Britain, and consists mainly of work from last summer when he lived in France. It includes portraits of Sartre, Camus, Cézanne and Monet, as well as humorous cardboard models entitled "Les Demoiselles de Marseilles". Sarah Jane Checkland "112th Annual Exhibition of Watercolours and Drawings" opens at Thos Agnew and Sons Ltd, 43 Old Bond Street, London W1 (629 6176) on Mon until Feb 22, Mon-Fri 10am-5pm, Sat 10am-9.30am-7pm. "Mixed Show" opens at Blond Fine Art, 22 Princes Street, London W1 (437 1230) on Wed until Feb 16, Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 10am-7pm. "Red Grooms: Recent Work" opens at Marlborough Fine Art Ltd, 6 Albemarle Street, London W1 (629 5161) on Fri until March 1, Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm, Sat 10am-12.30pm.

Photography THE VIEW FROM ABOVE National Museum of Photography, Prince's View, Bradford, West Yorkshire (0274 727 488). Until Feb 14, Tues-Sat noon-8pm, Sun 2.30-6pm. This exhibition, first shown at the Photographers' Gallery in London a year ago, concentrates on 125 years of aerial photography, from a balloon in 1858 to modern views of the earth from space. Much is concerned with the early, anonymous wartime surveys to the Nazis lines in the Peruvian desert. Also on show until March 20, Beyond Vision: 150 photographs of essentially transient events selected for their particular scientific, historic and aesthetic interest. Muirbridge features with his views of movement, but there is also the first picture of lightning (1847), shock waves from bullets (1898), and early radiographs of the human brain (1927). PAUL TANQUERAY Plymouth Arts Centre, 38 Looe Street, Plymouth (0752 650069). Until Feb 3, Mon-Sat 10am-6pm. Elegant, stylized portraits of film stars and personalities, including Cecil Deaton and Gertrude Lawrence, by Paul Tanqueray, who captures the early, anonymous innocence of the 1830s and make this a sumptuous and nostalgic show. Forty of Tanqueray's prints can also be seen at the Print Room of the Photographers' Gallery, Great Newport Street, London W1C1 (240 1869) until March 1. THE VALLEY PROJECT The Photographers' Gallery, 112 Tottenham Court Road, W1P (240 1869) until March 1. Year one of a three-year photographic survey of valleys in South Wales by John Davies, Ron McCormick and Paul Reas.

HENRY CLUTHBERT Manchester Studies Archive, Cavendish House, Cavendish Street, Manchester (061 228 6171). Until Fri, Mon-Thurs 10am-6pm, Fri 10am-5pm. Street scenes, celebrations and day-to-day life in the Urmsion district of Manchester, recorded by Henry Cluthbert, a butcher and keen amateur photographer. Michael Young

Openings ALAN DAVIE: Strong, cryptic drawings and oils from the 1960s by the Scottish painter. Gimpel Fils, 30 Davies Street, London W1 (493 2488). Opens Tues, until Feb 23, Mon-Fri 9.30-5.30pm, Sat 10am-1pm. BRITISH ART SHOW: Arts Council's summary of contemporary art over the last five years has arrived in the North. Royal Scottish Academy, The Mount, Edinburgh (031 225 5945). Opens today, until Feb 24, Mon-Sat 10am-6pm, Thurs 10am-6pm, Sun 2-5pm. A.R. PENCK: Small show of distinctive, totemic images first seen at the Tate, and now

supplemented by four new paintings on the miners' strike. Aronoff, Narrow Quay, Bristol BS1 (0272 289191). Opens today, until Feb 24, Tues-Sat 11am-8pm, Sun 2-7pm. PICASSO AND THE THEATRE: NOLAN AND THE OPERA: Travelling exhibition originally shown in Brighton celebrating Picasso's involvement with the theatre as designer and performer: drawings, etchings, photographs. Also, a show of original designs for the "Rite of Spring" and "Samson and Delilah" by the Australian artist Sidney Nolan. Folkestone Arts Centre, The Metropole, The Lazz, Folkestone, Kent (0303 55070). Opens today, until Feb 17, Mon-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 2.30-5pm.

chagall Royal Academy of Arts 11 January-31 March 1985 Burlington House, Piccadilly, London W1. Open 10-6 daily, including Sundays. The exhibition is made possible by The First National Bank, of Chicago.

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FILMS

No safe breaks for the bungling burglars

Peter Waymark follows the clues and unravels the mystery of Monicelli in a racketsy robbery

"Mr Monicelli, this is your neighbour," says the old woman on the phone whose cat has threatened to expose the would-be safe burglars in Louis Malle's latest look at American low life, Crackers.



Master mind: Donald Sutherland as leader of the incompetent team from the seedy backstreets

Curious that the cinema finds such difficulty in thinking up subjects. Not only does it continually plunder well-known books and plays but it also does a fair trade in cannibalizing its own products.

The plot is masterminded, if that is the word for an operation distinguished by its colossal incompetence, by an out-of-work security guard, played in what looks like a generous way, by Donald Sutherland.

Let us sketch the background and see if alert moviegoers in the class spot the original. In a seedy backstreet of San Francisco, a place of whores and peeling paint, grumpy old Garvey runs a pawn shop.

Garvey is played by Jack Warden, one of those splendid American character actors who can light up the dimmest film and enrich the best. He first came to notice as a juror in *I, the Jury*.

Otherwise Malle has eschewed familiar names, though it would be surprising if more is not heard of an engaging black actor, Larry Ruly, who spends most of the film trying to cope with the baby he is left holding when his girl friend walks out on him.

Malle's first attempt to get under the American skin was *Pretty Baby*, the story of a 12-year-old girl growing up in a New Orleans brothel, which caused a minor scandal (the director insisted it was a comedy).

Crackers, though lighter in tone, continues a Frenchman's exploration of a foreign land.

The first two were screen originals but *Crackers* was "suggested by" a 1958 Italian film, *I Soliti Ignoti*, a title that has been translated as both *Persons Unknown* and *Deal on Madonna Street*.

Crackers (15) opens in London on Fri at the Odeon Kensington (602 8844); Classic Chelsea (332 5096); and Classic Tottenham Court Road (636 6148).

In Preview

THE GOVERNMENT INSPECTOR: Rick Mayall, best known as a member of the television comedy team The Young Ones, makes his National Theatre debut in the leading role of Nikolai Gogol's comedy of mistaken identity *Major*.

Openings

DOORSDAY, THE NATIVITY, THE PASSION: The National Theatre's repertoire of English medieval mystery plays, taking the story from the Resurrection to the Last Judgment.

ANDROMACHE: Cheek by Jowl Company's third and final production in a short London season: the first English language production of Racine's play, which is set in the aftermath of a war.

THE POWER OF THE DOG: Howard Barker's latest play, set on the Eastern Front in the Second World War, has been seen at Scotland, Warwick and Birmingham on its way to London.

ON YOUR TOES: Palace (437 8434). Mon-Sat at 7.45pm; matinees Thurs and Sat at 2.30pm.

THE WAY OF THE WORLD: Haymarket (630 8822). Mon-Sat at 7.30pm; matinee Wed at 2.30pm.



Clowning around: Jane Booker and Richard O'Callaghan in *The Comedy of Errors* (see below)

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TWO INTO ONE: Shaftesbury (379 5399). Mon-Fri at 8pm, Sat at 5.30 and 8.30pm.

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WEST SIDE STORY: Her Majesty's (830 6606). Mon-Fri at 7.30pm, Sat at 4.45 and 8pm; matinees Wed at 2.30pm.

WILD HONEY: Lyttelton (828 2252). Today at 2.30pm and 7.45pm, Mon-Wed at 7.45pm, Thurs at 2.30pm and 7.45pm.

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Out of Town

CROYDON: Ashcroft Theatre, Fairfield Halls (888 9291). The Constant Wife by W. Somerset Maugham. Opens Wed at 7.45pm.

GLASGOW: Citizens', Gorbals (041 429 0022). Mary Stuart by Friedrich Schiller, translated by Stephen Spender. Until Feb 2, Mon-Sat at 7.30pm.

GUILDFORD: Yvonne Arnaud, Millbrook (043 60181). The Lonesome Road by Arthur Schnitzler, in an English version by Ronald

Adams and Christopher Fettes. Until Feb 2, Mon-Thurs at 7.45pm, Fri at 8pm, Sat at 5 and 8pm; matinees Thurs at 2.30pm.

LEEDS: The Grand, New Briggsate (6532 4497/45351). Cinderella by Jon Conway. Opens Wed at 7.15pm, until Feb 5, Mon-Sat at 7.15pm; matinees Jan 24-26, 31, Feb 2, 7, 9, at 2.15pm.

LEICESTER: Haymarket, Belgrave Gate (6533 538 787). He and My Girl by Noel Gay. Until Jan 26, Mon, Tues, Thurs at 7.30pm; Wed, Fri Sat at 8pm; matinees Wed and Sat at 4.30pm.

LIVERPOOL: Everyman, Hope Street (051 709 4776). Romeo and Juliet. Opens Thurs at 8pm, until Feb 23, Tues-Sat at 8pm.

MANCHESTER: Royal Exchange, St Ann's Square (061 833 8833). Class K by Trevor Peacock. Previews Thurs, Fri, at 8pm, Jan 26 at 4 and 8pm, Jan 28 at 7.30pm.

GLASGOW: Citizens', Gorbals (041 429 0022). Mary Stuart by Friedrich Schiller, translated by Stephen Spender. Until Feb 2, Mon-Sat at 7.30pm.

GUILDFORD: Yvonne Arnaud, Millbrook (043 60181). The Lonesome Road by Arthur Schnitzler, in an English version by Ronald

The serious side of a fall guy

Christopher Warman talks to the man who has taught a host of stars how to take a painless tumble

In *The Comedy of Errors*, which returns to the Royal Shakespeare Company's repertoire at the Barbican on Wednesday, you have the impression of watching a stageful of master clowns rather than comic actors.

The play was very successful when it was presented at the Barbican last year and its reappearance to help bring the RSC's season to an end is without doubt by "popular request".

The circus-dress production of this tale of mistaken identity, with characters wearing the oversized clowns' boots, striped tights and baggy trousers, is lively enough.

For trained classical actors and actresses this is a considerable achievement, and in this production a great deal of the credit must go to Ben Bonison, movement director.

"In rehearsal the actors, the director and I all muck in, and we find out what can be done. It is one thing to tumble, but you have got to have deftness. It must not look hard work.

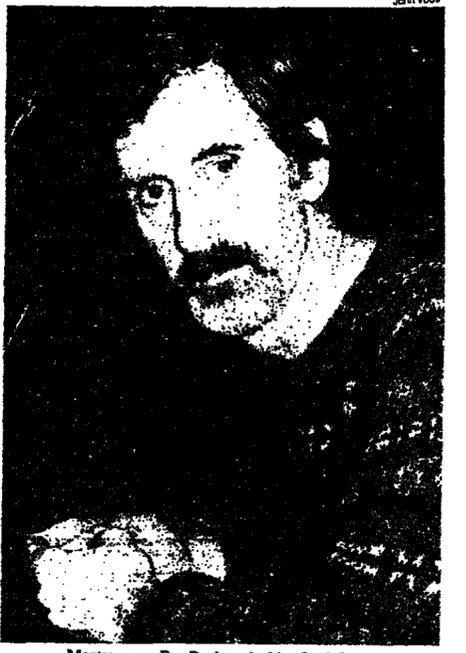
First of the skills is the "prat" fall. That is when you trip over something, even your own feet. The derivation is in some doubt, but Bonison suggests that it comes from the onlooker who sees someone fall over clumsily and says, "what a fool, what a prat".

One of the set pieces is the chase, known in the trade as "angels and scam". The image of the silent films remains strong, as the sudden victim of the chase realizes he is being pursued, jumps on the spot, arms aloft, before returning to earth and rushing off.

A lot of the "spontaneous" action has to be worked out carefully beforehand, such as the scenes at the top of a tall ladder (the weight has to be upstage so that it does not topple over) and when Paul Greenwood, playing Antipholus of Syracuse, hangs by his legs from a window.

"During rehearsal we built a scaffold so that he could learn to hang out, first gently and then speeding up. In the heat of the moment when the actor's concentration is on the text, it is vital the physical work is measured and safe without him having to think about it".

Christopher Warman *The Comedy of Errors* opens at the Barbican (628 8795) on Wed at 7.30pm, in repertory.



Master move: Ben Bonison, looking for deftness

Openings

CEVERLY HILLS COP (18): Eddie Murphy, the brash comedy star of *48 Hours* and *Trading Places*, as a Detroit cop running amok through the Beverly Hills in search of his best friend's killers.

VIGIL (15): New Zealand films can be as thrilling as cold war but this directorial debut of 27-year-old Vincent Ward offers plenty of visual kicks.



Desperate dick: Eddie Murphy in Beverly Hills Cop

GREMLINS (15) Warner West End (438 0791) Executive producer Steven Spielberg returns to E.T. territory with the artful story of small, furry, but not entirely lovable creatures running amok in a cosy little town.

DUNE (PG) Empire, Leicester Square (437 1234). Until Wed. From Thurs (437 1234) David Lynch's expensive, impersonal version of Frank Herbert's science fiction classic about war and intrigue on a desert planet, top-heavy with plots, but visually immaculate.

THE KILLING FIELDS (15) Warner West End (438 0791) Britain's lavish entry into the blockbuster war-movie arena, produced by David Putnam, directed by television veteran Roland Joffe.

A PRIVATE FUNCTION (15) Odeon Haymarket (830 2738) The riotous, racy post-war tale of a Yorkshire chipmunk, a wife with social pretensions, and a pig with no social sense at all.

FINDERS KEEPERS (16) Plaza Piccadilly Circus (437 1234). Until Wed. Friendly, frenzied comedy about bambuzzlers and failures chasing each other's tails over a coffin full of stolen money.

AMADEUS (PG) ABC Shaftesbury Avenue (836 8961) ABC Fulham Road (370 2636) Peter Shaffer's celebrated play about the rivalry between Mozart and Salieri is re-worked by the author and director Miles Forman into a lavish screen spectacular with striking performances and brilliantly juggled operatic excerpts.

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ROCK & JAZZ

SHALAMAR Tonight, Colston Hall, Bristol (0272 22671) Tomorrow, St David's Hall, Cardiff (0222 371236); Mon, De Montfort Hall, Leicester (0533 544444); Tues, Sheffield City Hall (0742 22885); Thurs, Manchester Apollo (051 273 1112); Fri, Harrogate Centre (0143 8333).

DEREK BARLEY Today, National Green Music Library, Bayfield House, Cambridge Heath Road, London E2 (Inquiries: 986 5904) The utterly original improvising guitarist leads an afternoon with two of his peers: the saxophonist and clarinetist Tony Coe and the

Canadian trumpeter Kenny Wheeler, both in their prime as major contributors to jazz in Europe.

MINERS' BENEFIT Tonight, The Academy, 211 Stockwell Road, London SW9 (274 1525) This concert features three exceptionally promising young composers: Roddy Frame's *Acacia Camera*, Edwyn Collins's *Orange Juice*, and Everything But The Girl, The winsome creation of Tracey Thorn and Ben Watt.

CHICO FREEMAN Mon to Sat, Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (438 3747) Among the more adaptable constituents of jazz's current

interlocked patterns of Philip Glass's *Einstein on the Beach*, and you have an idea of the thrilling impact of Trevor Watts's 10-piece band.

CHAKA KHAN Mon, Manchester Apollo (061-273 1112); Tues, Edinburgh Playhouse (021-557 2590); Thurs, Royal Concert Hall, Nottingham (0602 419419); Fri, Birmingham Odeon (021-780 2018) A fluent soul singer, recently well served by Art Martin's careful touch in the recording studio, but there is too much of the production line about her style to turn Miss Khan into a contender for Aretha's fallen crown.

HENRY LÖWTHOR Thurs, Beas Cliff, 35 Coronet Street, London N1 (729 2478) Phil Lee, an unjustly overlooked jazz guitarist, is a member of the quintet led by Löwthor.

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE Covent Garden, London WC2 (240 1066/1011) Not the liveliest of weeks for opera at the Garden: two last performances of the rather patchy revival of *Die Zauberflöte* tonight and on Mon at 7pm, uninvited by God, the first of *Les Troyens* and Angela Maria Blassi's *Parmida*.

ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (636 3161) Jonathan Miller's mafioso *Rigoletto*, dubbed, with reason, "the best musical in town" continues its run tonight and on Thurs (7.30pm) with John Rawnsley in the title role and Valere Maistrone as Gilda. John Maucart conducts. In between, "the best musical in town" comes two more performances of *Tosca*, conducted by Sir Charles Mackerras: Phyllis Carran, Charles Craig and Neil Howlett do their best in what has turned out to be a somewhat scrambled revival. Looking ahead, Jan 26 (8pm) sees the first night of ENO's new production of *Tristan and Isolde* by Sir Friedrich Schlegel. Goodie is set to conduct, with Johanna Meier and Alberto Remedios.

OPERA FACTORY Warwick University Arts Centre (0203 417417) For once, Opera Factory's now definitive production of Harrison Birtwistle's *Punch and Judy* will not play to London audiences, but will tour Coventry, Manchester, Bracknell and Bristol in the next two weeks. On Wed and Thurs at 7.30pm David Freeman's savagely beautiful play, a comic production of this disturbing work visits Warwick University with the excellent cast led by Omar Ebrahim and Hilary Western.

SCOTTISH OPERA Theatre Royal, Glasgow (041-331 1234) The generally well-received new 1920s-style production by John Cox of Strauss's *Capriccio* is playing tonight, Tues and Thurs at 7.15pm, sung in English and conducted by Norman Del Mar. The complementary work in repertoire at the moment is David Pountney's lively production of Smetana's *The Bartered Bride*, with John Treleven and Marie Storch, conducted by Stephen Barlow. Performances on Wed at 7.15pm and Jan 26 at 2.15pm.

DANCE

EXTEMPORARY DANCE Shaw Theatre, 100 Essex Road, London WC1 (688 1394). Tues-Jan 26 at 7.30pm, matinee Wed at 2pm The London premiere of Ian Spink's *Coco Loco* is given Tues, Wed, with David Gordon's recent *Field Study*. Don Wagoner's *Spiked Sonata* and a female cast in Michael Clark's hitherto two-man duet *1 2 X U*. That looks the best bet among the week's programmes, which also include a w/out-to-be cortisone about office workers (Wed matinee), Lloyd Newson's portentous *Beauty, Art and the Kitchen Sink* (Thurs, Fri) and the participation of the London Youth Dance Theatre (Jan 26).

ROYAL BALLET Covent Garden (240 1066). Tues-Fri at 7.30pm. The only production given this week is *Cinderella*, with a different cast each night, led by Antonietta Sibley and Anthony Dowell (Tues), Lesley Collier and Wayne Eagling (Wed), Jennifer Penney and Mark (Wed), Jennifer Penney and Mark (Wed), and Karen Paisley and Phillip Broomehead in their role debuts (Fri).

JANET SMITH Watford Palace Theatre (82 26871). Tues-Thurs at 7.45pm, Fri at 8pm, Jan 26 at 3 and 8pm. The programme Tues-Thurs includes Gill Clarke's attractively

nostalgic *Rum and Coca-Cola*, a duet from Robert North's *Relicobans*, and Janet Smith's *Con Spirito* (to Tchaikovsky) and *Signs of a Summer Sun*. From Fri they give Smith's *Another Man*. Drawing, Christopher Bruce's *Holiday Sketches* to Billie Holiday songs, North's Stravinsky *Minuties* and Tom Diak & Harry by Ned Sheridan.

NORTHERN BALLET Derby Playhouse (0332 363275). Tues-Jan 26 at 7.30pm, matinee Wed, Sat at 2pm Robert de Warren's ambitious small-scale production of *The Sleeping Beauty* generally draws full houses, so it's best to book quickly.

SCOTTISH BALLET Aberdeen, His Majesty's Theatre (0224 638080). Tues-Fri at 7.45pm, Jan 26 at 2.30 and 7.45pm. Peter Darrell's production of *The Nutcracker*, as shown on BBC2 on Boxing Day, has a further run with several young casts.

Films: Geoff Brown; Theatre: Tony Patrick; Rock & Jazz: Richard Williams; Dance: John Percival; Opera: Hilary Finch



Rags and tatters: Jennifer Penney as Cinderella (Royal Ballet)

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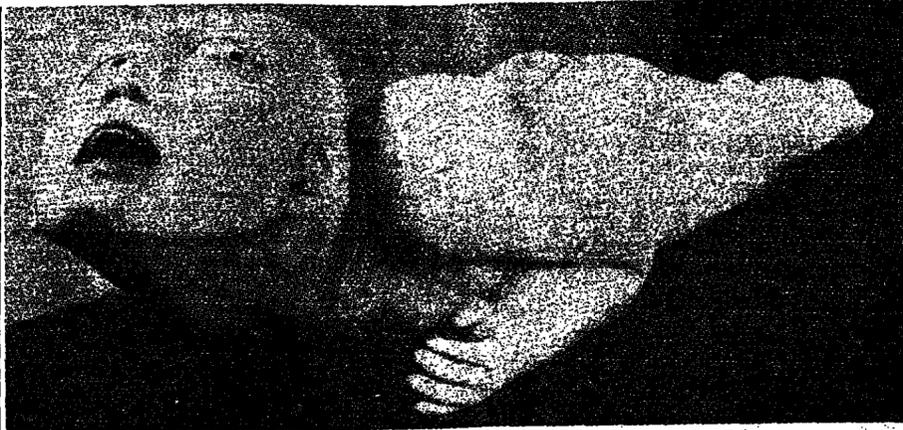
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THE ARTS

Radio Hard act to follow

In its sphere the departure of Terry Wogan from Radio 2 at breakfast time must be rather as if Mrs Thatcher were suddenly to vacate the Tory leadership. Oh what an act to follow. Yet when I switched on last Monday for a quick earful of the appointed successor, I thought for one incredulous moment that the cunning Celt had conned us: the voice of Wogan, like a Nordic god, spoke to the nation still.

But it was, as I say, the impression only for a moment. For the resemblance of Ken Bruce to Terry Wogan ends with the voice. One week into his act and perhaps not surprisingly, the Scotsman still sounds distinctly tentative in search of style and assurance, like a man not certain whom he's talking to. It shows up particularly in the small self-mocking jokes. Broadly speaking there are two sorts of people who make jokes against themselves: those who are quite sure everybody loves them and can afford to question it, and those who aren't entirely sure and can't. In what are very early days, Mr Bruce strikes me as still of the latter party.



The no-neck monster: Ana Maria Pacheco's figure for The Banquet

Galleries Facts, figures and a whole lot of art to wade through

Contemporary Art Fair Olympia

If you are easily scared by facts and figures, you would do best to avoid all the statistics thrown at you by the organizers of this year's Contemporary Art Fair, which has happily moved from the Barbican to the altogether more agreeable surroundings of Olympia for its second four-day stint (until tomorrow). Otherwise you will learn that there are 120 galleries from 22 countries selling (or hoping to sell) work by more than a thousand artists - not to mention a variety of art and magazine publishers, unattached artists and interested but non-commercial parties like the Contemporary Art Society and the ICA.

Galleries

find that, for instance, they cannot do much as dust their own stalls without strike action threatened, and have to pay through the nose for the privilege of putting up their own lights (something desirable to do, nevertheless, since at the press preview a group of stands were in semi-darkness because of a last-minute electricians' strike). Certainly this is no way to compete with, say, the Basel art fair, which it is said, costs no more to take part in and does offer stunning Swiss efficiency for the money.

step-children of late de Chirico, thereby making a useful point. From a ragbag of other impressions I would recommend checking on the odd and highly individual watercolours of Michael Cullimore, an artist seemingly best known in Wales and shown here by Austin Desmond; the glass of Tessa Clegg, who is with pleasure were the faint and quirky paintings of the latter-day surrealist Gustavo Foppiani (shown by Philippe Guimot of Brussels), some good Hockneys, early and late (and vintage) Wolmarks shown by James Kirkman. But that is only ruffling the surface: if you go, be prepared to spend half a day there.

John Russell Taylor As a result it was difficult exactly to appreciate the reality which this programme was trying to describe: it travelled in so many different directions, and examined so many various phenomena, that the broad scope implied in the series' title was on occasions lost from sight. One got the vague idea that the Japanese were behind everything, setting up factories in Indonesia while at the same time even invading Australia. It was all rather depressing.

Concerts Truly inauthentic

AAM/Hogwood Queen Elizabeth Hall

During this tercentenary year I look forward to hearing some seriously inauthentic Baroque concertos, filled with arrangements perpetrated by composers from Mozart to Maxwell Davies.

Thursday night's programme from the Academy of Ancient Music was an altogether nicer occasion. Not that it lacked, of course, the true inauthentic style: Christopher Hogwood's old claim that his orchestra seeks to provide "an authentic experience of music as it would have sounded at the time it was written", is by now no more than further evidence of his mischievousness. Two decades into the early music revival we are all, even those of us who attend the Academy's concerts, sufficiently acute to spot the flaws in that one.

Songmakers' Almanac Wigmore Hall

The singer not the song had the glory on Thursday night. Michael Vogl, the Austrian baritone and Schubert's first great songmaker, was the subject of one of the Almanac's most fascinatingly packed magazine programmes. More here, perhaps, on the snatcher-up of unconscious trifles than for the Schubertian connoisseur; but Gabriel Woolf's narration of Graham Johnson's divertissement made even the odd longueurs pass pleasantly enough.

Court of Appeal

Computing chargeable gain

The key provision was contained in paragraph 31 of Schedule 6. It provided "So far as the provisions of this Part of this Act... require the computation of a gain by reference to events before April 6, 1965, all those provisions including Part I of this Schedule, and Schedules 2 and 3, and the provisions fixing the amount of the consideration deemed to be given on a disposal or acquisition, shall apply except so far as expressly excluded".

Letter admissible in construing will

HIS LORDSHIP, having considered the letter, which started with a request for her solicitors to "organize the bequests of my will before the actual documents are made out", concluded that it was of no assistance, and should be treated as a letter of instructions for the preparation of a new will.

Television A search for reality in the Pacific Basin

Certainly the industrial success of Japan, South Korea and Singapore suggests that the financial centre of the world might slowly be shifting from the West. Even the islands of the South Pacific, once known only as the home for imperialist adventure stories, are now "developing nations"; and it may be that, within a few generations, they will be setting their own adventures on the beautiful but barren island of Briarun. But "progress", even of this kind, may not be altogether desirable: there was something rather horrifying in the spectacle of cowboys, employed by a Japanese corporation in Indonesia, reciting the company creed and singing the

Divisional Court Intoximeter documents policy

LORD JUSTICE ROBERT GOFF said that it was open to Mr Dicks and Mr Goodacre to rebut the presumption that the Lion Intoximeters were in order when used by calling evidence challenging their reliability at the relevant time. That was the ground on which they claimed entitlement to issue the witness summons.

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Judge is not fettered by decision below

O'Brien v O'Brien On an application for an injunction ousting a husband from the matrimonial home, the judge's discretion was not fettered by the decision of justices that it was not appropriate to enter a personal protection order which they had granted to the wife: she had to make up her mind on the evidence.

The New Pacific (BBC2) is an account of a new civilization - the Pacific Basin, which contains half the world's population and which encompasses the extremes of China and California. Despite these momentous differences, however, it seems that "there is a new sense among the Pacific peoples that they belong together"; this was according to the commentator, at least, although his tone of missionary enthusiasm might in part have been inspired by the need to justify the title of this series.

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THE TIMES

FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

BTR steps in ring with bid for Dunlop

Inspired is the right word for yesterday's bid by Sir Owen Green's BTR for Dunlop. The timing is perfect. With Dunlop sagging on the ropes and signalling desperately to its shareholders that an 85 per cent dilution of their original investment is good for them, the arrival of BTR in the ring is a straightforward solution, not only to Dunlop's dilemma but also to the sticky problem of Sir Michael Edwardes' outrageous Dunlop options.

To back his bid, Sir Owen cleverly took advantage of Dunlop's capital structure, snapping up enough of the preference shares to ensure that BTR can effectively block the new board's reconstruction scheme. BTR has the power of veto: it could effectively put Dunlop into receivership but such a decision should not have to be made.

The logic of BTR's bid is impeccable. Dunlop is engaged in businesses which will slot comfortably into the BTR structure. With good management it could produce pretax profits of around £70 million by 1986. Dunlop would also bring with it losses of over £200 million at a time when BTR's tax rate is about to rise.

Such is the strength of BTR's balance sheet that it should be able to cope with Dunlop's debt quite comfortably - though that will not be lost on Dunlop's creditors. Gearing at the year end, and including Dunlop, would still be only around the 100 per cent mark which, given BTR's cash generating abilities, again demonstrated powerfully in its handling of Thomas Tilling, would soon be reduced.

The initial reaction to the bid in the markets suggests that the price is too low. The cash offer is 20p but the BTR share exchange values Dunlop at 23p. The Dunlop ordinary shares raced ahead to

small shareholders. They are none too happy with the capital reconstruction and it might not be too difficult to tempt them away from a company whose record of looking after shareholders is abysmal. The prospect of simply rolling over into BTR shares, an outstanding investment of our time, must be appealing.

In the end the banks who have propped Dunlop up hold the key - all 56 of them. They have been asked to convert £100 million of their debt into BTR redeemable preference shares. This is perhaps a little too much for their liking. However, they must balance this consideration with BTR's ability to pay its interest bills.

Anyone's guess now on home loan rate

Not long after the demise of the building societies' interest rate cartel last year, the societies plunged into an orgy of investment rate increases unfettered by any industry-wide consensus. Such competition should be good for savers, but was widely criticised at the time because of the confusion it caused in the savings market and the upward pressure it inevitably brought to mortgage rates.

This time the picture looks different: it may persuade observers that the new atmosphere of competition can be made to work smoothly.

The societies find themselves flush with funds after two months of unusually high deposit inflows, mortgage demand is already somewhat slack, according to Herbert Walden, chairman of the Building Societies Association.

If they want to keep their lending high, therefore, the societies cannot afford big mortgage rate increases; and this in turn is limiting the extent to which they can raise investment rates.

This is not conclusive proof that the societies now know how to handle their new rate-fixing freedom more smoothly. Market forces are forcing them to be cautious this time, just as market forces - a lack of inflows - induced their rate increases in September. When interest rates next move, it is still anyone's guess how they will handle the transition.

Harsh option on taxing pensions

The battle over pensions taxation has been obscured by the fire and smoke in the Government's retreat to higher interest rates the Chancellor will not easily see another of this plans thwarted.

John Brew and Mike Osborne of the brokers Grievson Grant argue that confidence in the City that the argument against change in the Budget has been won is misplaced. At Legal & General, the marketing director, John Craddock has sounded the alarm by estimating that maintaining pensions with a 25 per cent tax on pension funds could increase a private employer's pension costs by as much as 110 per cent. The cuts in people's pensions if employers refused to stump up are frightening.

Proper investigation of the issues in public should clearly precede drastic action in this tangled financial area which has so many implications for generations ahead. At the moment, the best possibility seems to be a modest taxing of contributions. This would leave the rest of the regime intact and not directly affect pension fund finances.

Counting employers' contributions as employees' income and restricting tax relief to the standard rate of income tax would be harsh but not unfair when rises in the basic income allowance help higher rate taxpayer.

Fall in inflation helps to lift share index over 1,000 level

By Sarah Hogg, Economics Editor

The FT 30-share index easily broke through the 1,000 level yesterday, to close at a record 1,004.4, while sterling remained steady. The pound closed at \$1.1222, in London, up 37 points on Thursday's close, and sterling index closed up 0.1 at 71.3.

The stock market was cheered by a fall in inflation, which dropped to 4.6 per cent in the 12 months to December, the lowest figure since July. The 30-share index rose 17.2 points yesterday, making a total rise of more than 55 points since Monday's close, after the stock market had plummeted after the turmoil in the foreign exchange markets and a two-step rise in bank interest rates.

Yesterday the financial markets remained undisturbed by the fall in inflation, though the mortgage rate. The key three-month inter-bank rate was just above 12 per cent at the close, and the foreign exchange markets were quiet in London, as dealers waited for further clarification of the "Group of Five" finance ministers' new emphasis on concerted intervention. The US Treasury Secretary Donald Regan and the Chancellor Mr Nigel Lawson were announcing the new arrangements in Washington just as the London markets were closing.

Yesterday's breakthrough into four figures in the 30-share index was assisted by a sharp rise in the price of shares in BTR Group, after its bid for Dunlop Holdings. But the main factor was renewed optimism on inflation.

The retail price index actually fell 0.1 per cent in December, down to 358.5 (January 1974=100). The 1 per cent cut in mortgage rates last month was the main factor behind the fall in inflation, though the price of seasonal foods also fell - the first time this has happened in December in the 10 years since the index was reconstructed.

Retail prices 1984		
Index (Jan 1974=100)	% change	Over 12 months
July	351.5	+4.5
August	354.8	+5.0
September	355.5	+4.7
October	357.7	+5.0
November	358.8	+4.9
December	358.5	+4.6

The 12-monthly inflation rate averaged 4.8 per cent for the last quarter of 1984 as a whole, almost dead on the Government's revised forecast of 4.7 per cent and very little above its forecast made last spring of 4.2 per cent, despite the fall in the pound through last year.

January's inflation figure, however, is expected to be boosted by higher seasonal food prices, with the increase in British Rail charges. But these modest factors may be counterbalanced by cheaper EEC butter and January sales bargains. The increase in mortgage rates will have its impact on the February index.

The Government's latest published forecast predicts a small decline in the rate of inflation between the fourth quarters of 1984 and 1985. But the public spending White Paper, to be published on Tuesday, is expected to be based on a further decline in the rate of inflation in 1986 and 1987, broadly in line with the path outlined in Mr Nigel Lawson's first Budget.

Britain's inflation rate is below the average for the European Community, which stands at 5.6 per cent. Inflation is lower in the United States (4 per cent), Japan (2.2 per cent) and West Germany (2.1 per cent).

The new public spending plans, covering the three years 1985-86 to 1987-88 in some detail, are designed to show that the Government is still committed both to reining back inflation and to holding expenditure constant in real terms.

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IN BRIEF

Soccer chief launches bid

Mr Jim Gregory, chairman of Queen's Park Rangers Football Club, last night complied with the wishes of the Takeover Panel and launched a 49.5p a share bid for Glanfield Lawrence, the north London motor distributor.

He had been hoping to reduce the value of the £2.62 million bid, but the Panel turned him down a week ago and told him he had to publish an offer document within seven days.

Stake sold

Suter said yesterday it has sold its 11.77 per cent stake in James Neill Holdings through a placing arranged by Cazenove, the stockbroker.

Chairman sells

Mr Peter Levene, chairman of United Scientific Holdings and the man who has just controversially been named chief of defence procurement for the Government, has sold his 1.2 per cent stake in USH. The sale at 255p per share raised £1.67 million. Mr Levene will resign as chairman at the annual meeting on March 11 than take up his £95,000 a year post at the Ministry of Defence.

Hanson Trust's £181 million takeover bid for Powell Duffryn, the fast distribution, shipping and engineering group, failed to go unconditional at yesterday's first closing date and is expected to be extended. The takeover received government clearance yesterday.

More votes

Gestetner Holdings, the office automation and equipment group, is to enfranchise its non-voting shares. Yesterday the group reported pretax profits of £8.25 million for the 52 weeks to November 3, 1984, up from £6.86 million. Turnover rose from £343.1 million to £366.7 million. A final dividend of 0.82p makes an unchanged 1.33p for the year.

Brazilian delay

Two weeks of talks between Brazil and western banks over a multi-year rescheduling deal have been adjourned in New York without agreement. The two sides have concluded much of the technical work, but remain divided over the spread which should apply to any refinancing package. They are to meet again in about 10 days.

Bank help sought on 3i shares sell-off

By Peter Wilson-Smith, Banking Correspondent

Shareholders in Investors in Industry (3i) are about to appoint a merchant bank to advise them on the possible sale of the long-term lending institution.

Morgan Grenfell is believed to be one of the front-runners for the job. Its name was put forward several weeks ago to the shareholders, which include the London and Scottish clearing banks and the Bank of England.

There is growing support among shareholders for selling off or restructuring the shareholdings in 3i and the Midland Bank, in particular, is keen to realize its stake. However, discussions are still continuing on how to go about this.

The board of 3i, which is expected to retain merchant bankers S G Warburg as advisers, is certain to lobby hard against a stock market flotation on the grounds that it would undermine 3i's long-term approach to industrial finance.

3i is worried that its present lending policies would prove incompatible with the short-term performance demands of the stock market.

Mr John Foulds, chief executive of 3i said: "From our point of view a flotation would be the least attractive outcome because it would impinge to the greatest extent on our ability to take a long-term view."

Discussions on the future ownership structure of 3i are certain to cover other possibilities besides a stock market flotation. The possibility of bringing in other shareholders, or selling the organization off to another owner or owners are all likely to be considered.

The Bank appears to be happy to go along with the majority view. However, it will want to ensure that the goals and aims of 3i are safeguarded.

There widely differing views on how much 3i is worth with estimates ranging from £200 million to £500 million. Within 3i, which is happy with its existing ownership, the view is that £400 million is probably optimistic and it is pointed out that it has large holdings in property and unquoted equities and many of the assets are not readily realisable.

£119m Pleasurama bid buys Trident

By Cliff Feltham

Pleasurama, the casino and amusement machine group, is making an agreed takeover bid worth £119 million for Trident Television, which runs four London casinos.

The deal will make Pleasurama, which already has 17 provincial casinos, owns Maxim's and has stakes in two others in London, one of the giants of the business.

Pleasurama is paying twice the amount it offered in 1983, when the bid was blocked by the Monopolies Commission. But a renewed bid has always been likely since Grand Metropolitan, which also has big casino interests, sold its shareholding in Pleasurama.

The deal was thrashed out in two days by the Pleasurama board and the Trident side led by Lord Hanson. Surprisingly, no one is to be retained from the Trident board, even though the bid has their unanimous backing.

The enlarged group is expected to generate a substantial cash flow which will be used to expand into other areas of the leisure industry.

Pleasurama, which also has hotels, clubs, public houses, and a travel business, reported



Lord Hanson: Deal accepted in just four days

yesterday that its pretax profits for the 15 months ended December 31 are expected to be not less than £25 million. It is promising a dividend payout up 41 per cent.

The group is offering a package of cash and preference stock valuing the Trident ordinary shares at 249p and the "A" non-voters at 237p each; there are cash alternatives of 241p and 230p.

On the stock market yesterday the "A" shares jumped 35p to 241p. Pleasurama fell 7p to 386p.

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New name for Hambro Life

By Richard Thomson

The new name for Hambro Life, which trades under the title of Allied Hambro, was announced yesterday at a conference of its sales force of 3,000.

The company, Britain's largest unit linked life assurance company, is to be called Allied Dunbar Assurance. The new name, is to be ratified by a shareholders' meeting in June.

Mr Mark Weinberg, the founder and chairman of the company, said that the new name represented an opportunity to build up a strong and distinctive identity for the company.

Hambro Life which is being bought by BAT Industries for £664 million, announced year end new business figures which show a sharp decline of 25 per cent in new annual life assurance premiums to £29 million.

This was mainly the result of the Government's abolition of life assurance premium relief.

New annual pension premiums, however, jumped up 50 per cent to £61.3 million. Unit trust sales to the public rose from £102 million last year to £143 million this year.



Sir Owen Green: impeccable logic behind Dunlop bid

36p, which indicates the rights benefits defying the logic but implying that Sir Owen may have too increase his offer. If they are tempted to feel too greedy, Dunlop shareholders should remember that Sir Michael had conjured up a figure of 14p as he embarked on a road he described as parious and strewn with significant risks.

The Dunlop preference shares, incidentally, did not behave in the same way. At the moment they offer a cheap way into BTR. The mathematics, however, are bound to change.

Naturally, with so much personal incentive suddenly at risk, Sir Michael Edwardes and his Dunlop aides dismissed the offer out of hand. They are pressing ahead with the reconstruction proposals. They intend to call BTR's bluff and dare Sir Owen either to increase his offer or bring Dunlop down through the use of preference shares. It is a hostile stance which involves the eating of many words.

The influential Malaysian Pegi Corporation, which owns around 26 per cent of Dunlop, says it is unhappy with the current offer, as does the leader of the

Hong Kong in venture with China

From Mary Lee, Peking

China and Hong Kong yesterday established a \$400 million (£537 million) joint venture company which will build a \$3.5 billion nuclear power plant in Guangdong province near Hong Kong. The premier, Mr Zhao Ziyang, said this was the biggest joint venture undertaken by China and was a "good start" for Hong Kong-China relations, coming so soon after the signing of the Sino-British declaration on Hong Kong.

China has 75 per cent equity of the new company and Hong Kong's China Light and Power company has the rest. The plant at Daya Bay, will generate 1.8MW of electricity. GEC is bidding for the contract for the conventional plant, and France's Framatome is bidding for the nuclear generating plant.

The financing of the plant will be handled by the Bank of China, which will raise \$3.1 billion.

The loans will be repaid when the plant is commissioned - in 1991 - and 70 per cent of the power generated sold to Hong Kong.

At a banquet to mark the signing, Mr Li Peng, Minister of Water Conservancy and Power and Lord Kadoorie, chairman of China Light and Power, referred to "difficulties" during the five years that it had taken to reach the agreement.

ECGD may cut small firm cover

By John Lawless

The Export Credits Guarantee Department is considering killing off an insurance scheme used by up to 2,000 small exporters - because too many of them are going broke.

About £1.2 billion of exports are covered each year by the Comprehensive Bank Guarantees (CBG) scheme, and a decision whether to scrap it is expected in March under a wide-ranging review of ECGD's loss-making services.

The scheme applies only to short-term business, on sales

abroad demanding payment usually within 90 days, but occasionally up to two years. By taking out a CBG policy, at a premium of 1/2 per cent over base rate, a small exporter is paid much faster by the bank financing its foreign sales. All it has to do is produce documents showing that the goods have been shipped.

The ECGD's problem is that the 100 per cent insurance it has to give is against the bank itself not being paid - and it has been facing a rising number of

insolvencies among small exporters using it.

Although larger exporters have not traditionally used it, because they are able to raise cash at much finer rates, some multi-nationals have turned to CBGs during the world trade downturn.

That has not stopped the level of its short-term business covered by them falling from between 25 and 30 per cent a few years ago to about 10 per cent today, the ECGD said yesterday.

MARKET SUMMARY		
STOCK MARKETS		
FT Ind Ord	1004.4(+17.2)	
FT-A All Share	614.96(+6.57)	
FT Govt Securities	80.06(+0.33)	
FT-SE 100	1277.9(+17.5)	
Bargains	26,508	
Datastream USM	106.10(+0.71)	
New York		
Dow Jones	1225.27(+3.42)	
Nikkei Dow	11,910.08(+22.87)	
Hong Kong		
Hong Seng	1360.33(+28.9)	
Amsterdam	190.4(-0.8)	
Sydney:AO	748.4(+6.5)	
Frankfurt:		
Commerzbank	1167.9(+16.1)	
Brussels:		
General	90.70(-9.88)	
Paris:CAC	190.1(unchanged)	
Zurich:		
SKA General	335.10(+0.70)	
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London fixing:		
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New York: \$306.90		
Comex (latest)		
MAIN PRICE CHANGES		
RISES:		
W W Group	218p +55p	
Gestetner 'A'	104p +26p	
Trident TV 'A'	241p +35p	
W H Smith 'A'	209p +28p	
Butefield-Harvey	25p +3.5p	
Aspinall Holdings	126p +16p	
Dunlop Holdings	36p +4.5p	
Milford Docke	57p +6p	
Bertram Holdings	145p +15p	
Burco Dean	20p +2p	
BTR	682p +65p	
Gears Gross	153p +10p	
NSS Newsagent	110p +10p	
Needlers	82p +8p	
Davy Corp	94p +8p	
Vesper	181p +15p	
Henry Ansobacher	85p +7p	
Whittington Int'l	25.5p +2p	
Royal Bank of Scotland	248p +18p	
Smith Brothers	117p +8p	
James Halstead	74p +5p	
Bejam Group	170p +11p	
Associated Newspapers	655p +42p	
FALLS:		
Lyle Shipping	18p -2.5p	
Bio-Isolates	36p -3p	
Biomechanics Internat'l	13p -1p	
CURRENCIES		
London:		
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E: DM 3.5650 (+0.0064)		
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SDR ED: 869303		
INTEREST RATES		
London:		
Bank Base: 12%		
3-month Interbank 12 1/2-12%		
3-month eligible bills 11 1/2-11 3/4%		
buying rate		
US:		
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3-month Treasury Bills 7.75-7.71%		
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Table of stock market data including Dow Jones Industrial Average, S&P 500, and various sector indices. Includes columns for Jan 17, Jan 18, Jan 19, and Jan 20.

Dow sheds early gain

New York (AP-Dow Jones) - Wall Street shares gave up their early gains in active trading yesterday. The Dow Jones Industrial average was down 3.31 points at 1,235.38.

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STOCK MARKET REPORT

Index races past the 1,000 points mark

By Derek Pain and Pam Spooner

TEMPUS Votes clear way for growth at Gestetner

The clearest indication that the two-year rationalization programme at Gestetner is working came not from yesterday's preliminary figures but from the announcement of the enfranchisement of the non-voting shares.

The decision to introduce a more equitable system at this stage suggests that the company is confident that it can make its way in the world without the previous insulation it had against the market.

Some optimistic pointers about Gestetner's prospects are in the figures themselves. The problem is that Gestetner has been promising recovery for a long time and has not yet quite matched words with deeds.

As a large portion of the positive cash flow was generated from property and asset sales, it would be realistic to assume a similar reduction in loans in the current year.

Gestetner is on course to build slowly on the base it has secured through rationalization. With the bulk of the costs now behind it and with the new share structure in place, the company might also be ripe to attract bid attention.

Yesterday's huge jump in the share price suggests there is a buyer in the wings. The non-voting shares rose 23p to 105p and both categories of voting

Pleasurama

Pleasurama's agreed offer of £119 million for Trident Television, twice the amount it offered in 1983 before the Monopolies Commission stepped in, provides it with the instant gaming muscle it needs in London to complement the chain of 17 provincial casinos.

The bid is opportunistic, it recognises that the falling pound will lure more high rollers to the tables.

There are intriguing aspects. Trident chief Lord Hanson, so often a buyer, has chosen to turn seller after just two days of negotiation. No one on the Trident board, which is unanimously recommending the terms, is invited to join the new set-up - not even the managing director, David Hudd.

Pleasurama's first bid was blocked by the Monopolies Commission, largely because Trident board, which is unanimously recommending the terms, is invited to join the new set-up - not even the managing director, David Hudd.

For much higher price, it will now gain four casinos in London to add to Maxim's and the 25 per cent stake it holds in the Ritz and Casanova. It should surely improve the takings from Trident's stable, the Connoisseur, Clermont, Victoria and Village Club.

Before it splashed out £63 million on Associated Leisure, Pleasurama's Casinos chipped in 90 per cent of group profits. This proportion has since declined to about 65 per cent but the acquisition is expected to shift it back to 75.80 per cent. The cash-generating business is seen as the fuel to allow Pleasurama to expand into other non-casino leisure interests: chairman Nat Solomon yesterday expressed an interest in the health and fitness area.

Pleasurama will also inherit Trident's tidy cash mountain of £29.5 million, but will sell its 18.7 per cent of Tyne Tees Television and disengage itself from leasing out television studios and equipment. Its new commitment to the gaming scene destroys effectively arguments heard in some areas that the boom has peaked. This year could tell a different story.

Shares surged past the 1,000 points mark yesterday as one of the most remarkable weeks the stock market has ever experienced ended with a triumphant flourish.

It was as if the market willed itself past the magical 1,000 mark. By mid-afternoon the FT 30 share index was only 7.3 points higher and seemingly the eagerly awaited milestone was going to stay out of reach for a little longer.

Then in the last two hours of trading there were some often quite spectacular gains and the index closed at 1,044.4 points - a gain of 17.2 points on the day.

Trading was not heavy but BTR, with its unexpected bid for the stricken Dunlop Holdings, got the day off to a strong start. As the market contemplated just what the undoubted management talents of P.T.R. are likely to bring from Dunlop, the BTR price surged 80p with the market short of stock. Later the shares eased a shade to 682p, up 65p.

But as BTR's strength faltered other stocks took up the running. British Telecom, up to 133p, Distillers Co, P and O and Thoro EMI were among those to mark sharp advances in late trading.

The FT 30 index, started in 1935 with 100 as a base, has risen by almost 250 points since July last year. Its lowest ever point occurred during the early war years when it touched 49.4 points. Just 10 years ago the market was deep in the dumps as the future of capitalism was called into question and the banking and property crisis overwhelmed many companies and individuals. Then, just a few days after Burmah Oil had almost come to grief the stood at 146 points.

The market started this week with a 19-point plunge which, in cash terms, represented the

biggest ever one day fall with £4,520 million wiped off values. In just two trading days, as interest rates were jerked higher to bolster the ailing pound, 33.1 points were lost. But since then, as sterling has steadied, the FT 30 index has been in relentless form.

Alexandra Workwear, which makes and supplies workwear ranging from boiler suits to nurses' uniforms, is coming to the full market through an offer for sale of 39 per cent of its capital at 100p a share. Profits for the year ending this month are forecast at £1.9 million, putting the shares on 8.9 times prospective earnings.

Hopes that the interest increases have gone high enough and that the next move will be downwards helped sentiment. So did the miners drift back to work, often frantic takeover speculation which has driven many shares to new highs and an almost constant stream of American buying orders.

Even the expected advance in building society mortgage rates failed to dampen yesterday's ardour as shares romped joyfully to their new, historic peak.

The more broadly based FT-SE share index was also in rampant form. It gained 17.5 points to its own, rather less exciting peak of 1,277.9 points.

Gifts, on interest rate hopes, achieved gains of up to 2%. Danlop, no longer an FT 30 index constituent, also displayed plenty of bounce following the BTR intervention. The shares gained 44p to 36p on hopes of a counter bid, possibly from Genera; Electric Co. The BTR bid values them at about 23p.

W. H. Smith 'A' jumped 28p to a record 208p following suggestions of stake-building before a takeover bid. Smith described bid rumours as "laughable" on Wednesday, but the shares have since added 32p, making a 46p rise on the week, up 29 per cent.

A spokesman for the company last night denied that the group had received an approach or was in talks which might lead to an offer. However, rumours persist that consortium led by Mr Gerald Ronson's Heron International is lurking, or that the new aggressive Arthur Guinness group is poised to swoop.

Word is that although the family hold a substantial stake in the business, one of three

leading holders shown in Smith's latest annual report may be tempted to sell.

Other stores shares got a lift from news that the Retail Price Index actually fell by 0.1 per cent in December, instead of rising as many analysts had expected.

Debenhams rose 8p to 216p. Boots gained 4p to 190p. British Home Stores went 9p higher to 256p, and there were gains of several pence for Carrys Group, Dikos Group, Dunhill Holdings, Great Universal Stores, Home Charm, Marks & Spencer and John Menzies.

Menzies was also sharing in the takeover talk surrounding W H Smith, showing a rise of 12p to 243p. N.S.S. Newsgent got a similar boost and the shares put on 10p to 110p.

Goring Kerr, the metal detecting equipment maker, jumped another 25p to 530p following its recent profits jump from £1,534,000 to £2,374,000. And TACE, the engineering group, shared in the limelight from Goring, rising 20p to 425p. TACE still owns over 60 per cent of Goring Kerr after last autumn's float off of the electronics company.

Renishaw, another electronics business, rose 18p to 376p as market men heard

favourable comment on its development of a new high-precision robot.

Crystalite Holdings, the Kent-based electricals group, also rose a few pence after a mention by the analysts. The shares were up 8p yesterday to 228p, but that is still well below

Joseph Webb, Britain's last independent holiday camp group, may be about to disappear from the quoted lists. Market men have noticed a strange firmness in the share price in recent weeks, with Webb trading now at 25p, just below its previous best level. The City is now hearing that a strike has been built up as a prelude to a bid. Confirmation is expected next week.

The high levels reached - over 290p - last year when the City became excited about the group's sell-off of the Royal Worcester ceramics business.

Royal Bank of Scotland found followers as market men heard the shares rated "a chart buy". Mr Richard Lake, at stockbroker Raphael Zorn, says the price could go to 300p and even on to 350p, though he wants to see the shares pull further ahead of the general

market trend before putting firm targets on the price. RBS is also finding favour after its £155 million purchase of the merchant banking business of Charterhouse J Rothschild this week. Yesterday RBS shares jumped 18p to 246p.

Elsewhere in the banking sector share prices for the big four clearing banks were unchanged, though stories of stake-building and possible bids still surround Midland Bank. Midland are reckoned to be unable to bear the burden of Crocker, its Californian subsidiary, alone, after Crocker's disastrous bad debt.

There are even suggestions that General Electric Co was approached, with Bank of England approval, to make a bid for Midland, but GEC declined. Other unannounced contenders for the bank are British Petroleum and BAT Industries, but it was all quiet on the Lombard Street front yesterday.

Gestetner Holdings followed 26p higher to 104p following news of a 20.5 per cent rise in profits, and, more importantly, the enfranchisement of the 'A' and non-voting shares.

Among motor shares, Jaguar continued to speed ahead, looking ever more likely to break through the 300p limit.

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COMPANY NEWS

AIR FRANCE: Last year's balance sheet shows a profit of Fr 530 million (£48.2 million) which is 1.9 per cent of its turnover and six times higher than its 1983 profit. In addition, the company has set up a reserve of Fr 450 million (£41 million) for replacement of part of its aircraft fleet starting in 1988.

ATLANTIC ASSETS TRUST: Results for six months to December 31, 1984. (Figures in £000). Franked income 936 (720). Pretax profit 841 (347) after interest and expenses 310 (564). Tax 346 (139). Available 460 (173). Earnings per share 0.38p (0.14p). Net assets per ordinary 124.60p (118.48p). 5.2 per cent increase. Shares unchanged at 96.

GREENFRIAR INV CO: Dividend 1.60p (1.35p adj for cap) for 1984. Investment income £366,876 (£379,911). Other income £10,140 (£19,269). Pretax profit £347,670 (£200,905) including interest on deposits £81,051 (£48,621) but after interest charged £143,762 (£175,179) and administrative expenses £76,635 (£71,717).

ALFRED WALKER'S equity finance subsidiary Alfred Walker Investments, has acquired 670,000 shares in SEP Industrial Holdings (6.7 per cent) for £100,000 to be satisfied in cash, thus increasing Alfred Walker's total shareholding in SEP to 2.67 million shares (26.7 per cent).

CAMBRIDGE ELECTRONIC INDUSTRIES: has entered into conditional agreement to acquire the whole issued share capital of MTL microsteering and MTL microtech semiconductor firms, for a consideration equivalent to £2.3 million. MTL owns 75 per cent of the issued share capital of Microtech.

ASPINALL HOLDINGS chairman, Mr R N D Langdon, looks

forward in his annual statement to a growth in earnings after the move to new premises, and to developing the group further in the long term.

BRIDPORT-GUNDRY: The chairman, Mr R.W. Holder says in his annual statement that the present year is in line with expectations with both turnover and profit satisfactory ahead.

BRITISH BLOODSTOCK AGENCY: The chairman, Mr Robin Hastings, says in his trading statement that indications are of a satisfactory year.

DAVID S SMITH: Results for months to October 30, 1984. Interim 1p (same), payable on March 15. (Figures in £000) Turnover 3,358 (2,454). Operating profit 191 (35). Exceptional costs nil (27). Investment income 35 (40). Pretax profit 226 (loss 152). Tax 102 (condit 65). Earnings per share 2.3p (-1). The interim dividend will also be paid on the new shares issued on the acquisition of Western Board Mills. Shares 140 up 6.

WESTERN BOARD MILLS: Results for six months to September 30, 1984. (Figures in £000). Turnover 1,914 (2,009). Pretax profit 836 (948). Tax 376 (445). Earnings per share 8.7p (9.5p). Profit takes into account profits on sale of investments and assets in foreign countries.

GNOME PHOTOGRAPHIC: Results for half year to November 30, 1984. (Figures in £000). Sales 1,013. Pretax profit 182 includes dividends and interest received 48. Tax 73.5. Net profit on sale of investments 18. Profit available to shareholders 127. Earnings per share 4.333p. Shares 73 up 2.

SYMONDS ENGINEERING: Results for half year to September 30, 1984. Interim 0.3p or 6p per cent (5.45 per cent). (Figures in £000).

Sales 1,593 (1,923). Profit before tax 40 (156). Earnings per ordinary share 0.354p (0.875p). A piece of land surplus to the company's requirements is to be sold, for a gross consideration of £40,000 subject to the approval of shareholders.

UNITED WIRE GROUP: The chairman told the annual meeting that the first quarter was satisfactory and the order book ensured that the present level of activity should continue, certainly to the end of the half year. The present sterling rate of exchange continues to assist the company's export sales. The group is due to repay the balance of its US dollar loan amounting to \$1.5 million, over the next 12 months.

ANGLO SCANDINAVIAN is to acquire Texaco Oil. The agreed terms: four A.S.P. for every 15 in Texaco. The group is proposing to raise £6 million by the placing of up to 17,142,858 ordinary shares at 35p. Independent consultants value the present oil and gas interests of the group at £14.4 million which compares with a book value of £4.1 million in the pro-forma opening balance sheet.

GLASS GLOVER GROUP: Div. 2 075p (1.875p), making 3.45p (3.125p) for yr to sept 30. Figs in £000. Turnover 72,729 (63,856). Pretax profit 1,840 (1,536), after interest 189 (109) but including income from invests 0.7 (1.1).

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EUROPE

The investment opportunity for 1985 - The European Factfile

Map of Europe with callouts for Norway, West Germany, Holland, France, Switzerland, Italy, Spain. Text: Excellent opportunities among technology growth stocks. Success of economic policies has taken the Germans by surprise. Lower interest rates, lower inflation, mean opportunities for careful stock selection. Excellent prospects for retailers and consumer-oriented stocks. Very good value among insurance companies and banks. Retail sector looks strong against background of stabilising economic and political situation. 1984's top-performing market, but there are still opportunities for selective buying. Oil price cuts most helpful.

For 1985, there is a strong accord among the professional tipsters and fund managers that the safest gains are going to be made much nearer home - in Europe

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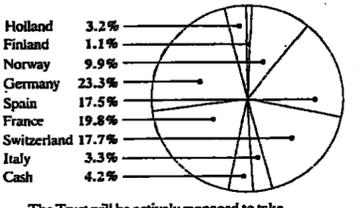
Investment in Europe is now beginning to emerge as a realistic way of making money. Indeed, according to the Financial Times (10 November 1984), only Greece - of 14 European countries surveyed - failed to register an increase in overall share prices in 1983-84.

Which stockmarket has been the best performer in the world in 1984? Is it America - with a Reagan election victory and a booming economy? No. Is it Japan - with rising profits and a massive balance of payments surplus? No. Is it Britain - with a stable government and low inflation? No. Perhaps Hong Kong - with the Chinese at last promising to keep a free economy in force? No. The answer - perhaps surprisingly - is Spain.

Over 1984 the Madrid bull market notched up an index increase of +43%. In the performance league table published by Investors Chronicle, other European Markets also performed strongly over 1984.

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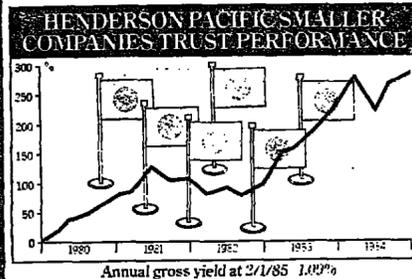
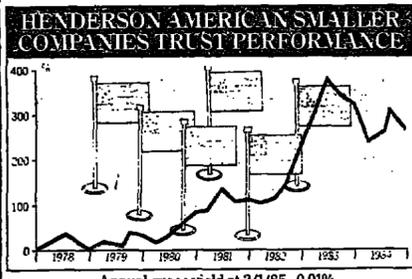
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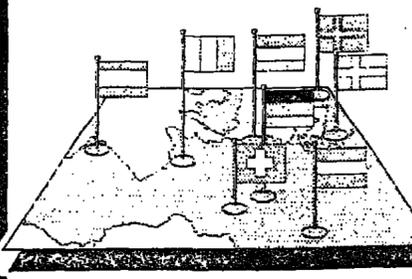
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For copies of the prospectus and application form, on the terms of which alone applications for the initial offer will be considered, please contact:

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MONTHLY INCOME FUND

Framlington Monthly Income Fund is a new unit trust which pays out its income every month.

The minimum investment is £2,000. Income distributions are on the 5th of the month and are paid automatically into your bank account.

The fund invests in ordinary shares with the aim of achieving a yield about 50 per cent above that of the FT All Share Index, coupled with long term growth.

The fund was launched on 26th October at a price of 50p per unit. On 16th January the offer price per unit was 56.6p. The estimated gross yield was 6.51 per cent. The managers judge that at this level there are good prospects of growth both of income and capital.

Investors are reminded, however, that the price of units and the income from them can go down as well as up.

A RISING INCOME

The income from Framlington Monthly Income Fund is designed to rise in the future. The capital should rise in value as well. As an example, and acknowledging that past performance is not necessarily a guide to the future, we set out how returns from the existing Framlington Income Trust have escalated since it was formed in 1971.

Year	Original Investment of £2,000 (£)	Net Income Value at 31 December (£)
1972	—	2,488
1973	94.80	1,816
1974	96.00	960
1975	104.40	2,152
1976	132.00	2,096
1977	145.20	3,912
1978	214.80	4,336
1979	230.40	4,104
1980	286.68	4,464
1981	269.28	5,184
1982	299.04	5,952
1983	329.64	7,536
1984	357.96	9,504

The original investors are now enjoying a gross yield of 23.6 per cent on their investment. Their capital has increased in value by over 375 per cent.

FAMILY MONEY edited by Lorna Bourke

STUDENTS

Endsleigh's drive for cheaper insurance

If you are a student, insuring your car can be at best a nightmare, at worst totally impossible. But Endsleigh, which specializes in the student market, has come up with some remarkable quotes for student motor insurance.

The table shows that even an 18-year-old with only two months of qualified driving experience can obtain fully comprehensive insurance for a five-year-old car at a cost of only £268 a year for a male, or £242 if you are a woman.

This is remarkably cheap. A call to the Automobile Association Insurance Services for a competitive quote for this same 18-year-old produced £372.81 as their best premium for a female student.

What is the catch? "There is none," says Mr George Spragg, marketing manager of Endsleigh, which has specialized for years in student insurance and is now moving into other professional group insurances.

"We have made a decision to go into graduate unions and the Civil Service, as well as students," says Mr Spragg.

There are restrictions on the cover - the first £100 of every claim has to be found by the motorist, and only the insured can drive the car.

But so sure is Endsleigh that its rate cannot be bettered that it is prepared to guarantee to a student with a policy due to be renewed before July 31 a lower premium than that paid to the existing insurer.

The only conditions are that it is the same car to be insured; that the driver had had no serious convictions; that there has been no more than one claim in the last three years resulting in loss of bonus; and that the driver holds a current UK driving licence. This guarantee has been offered to over 500,000 students during the past few months.

Details of the motor insurance and the full range of policies can be obtained from any of Endsleigh's 80 offices, or from head office at Endsleigh House, Cheltenham Spa, Gloucestershire GL50 3NR. Tel: 0242 36151.

CAR INSURANCE QUOTATIONS

● A student, aged 18, living in London; driving 1979 Ford Escort, 1100; comprehensive cover; full licence two months; all no-claims bonus; insured only to drive.

Endsleigh 12-month premium:	Male	Female	Premium	Excess
	£242	£210	£268	£250

● A civil servant, aged 21, living in Leeds; driving 1982 Mini; comprehensive cover; full licence four years with two years no-claims bonus; insured only to drive.

Endsleigh 12-month premium:	Male	Female	Premium	Excess
	£120	£108	£100	£50

● A police officer, aged 26, living in Birmingham; driving 1980 Ford Capri GT 1600; comprehensive cover; full licence six years; no-claims bonus reduced by previous insurer to two years following fault accident in 1983; insured only to drive.

Endsleigh 12-month premium:	Male	Female	Premium	Excess
	£100	£91	£250	£25

● A lecturer, aged 36, living in Leicester; driving 1983 BMW 318; comprehensive cover; full licence 12 years; five+ years no-claims bonus; insured only to drive.

Endsleigh 12-month premium:	Male	Female	Premium	Excess
	£80	£80	£50	£50

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Amex offers credit option

Is American Express going down market? Are their cardmembers getting poorer? Latest promotion to cardholders is the offer of finance for holiday and travel expenditure at the relatively low cost of 19.5 per cent - roughly on a par with bank personal loan rates.

The new Travel Payment Option is described as a facility to help smooth out peaks in payments. You fill in the application for an advance and send it to American Express Finance (UK). The advance is credited by the finance company direct to your American Express card account.

Your application is processed, says American Express, within 48 hours and the amount credited to your card account on a date specified by you. The loan from the finance company can be repaid over six, nine, 12, 18 or 24 months by bank standing order from your current account. Loans are in multiples of £100 with a £500 minimum.

This finance facility is a new departure for American Express, which up to now has insisted that all outstanding balances on the card account are paid in full at the end of each month.

Amex is not a credit card, but a charge card, though this new facility gives it many of the advantages of the conventional credit card but at a cheaper interest rate than that charged by Access or Visa, both of which work out at over 23 per cent.

holders having difficulty in settling their accounts in full at the end of each month? "No - there is no suggestion at all that this is a reaction to cardmembers not paying," an Amex spokesman said. The scheme has been on trial for some time now and will be extended to all cardholders later.

This is an extra service for cardmembers which our research shows they have found helpful. If it goes successfully then it will be extended to all cardmembers. But it is still possible now for any cardmember to apply for the new facility," Amex says. Full details from American Express, PO Box 70, Edward Street, Brighton BN2 1ZT. Tel: Brighton (0273) 696933.

OUR RECORD
Framlington has a reputation for good long-term investment performance. The Observer's analysis of the top 35 unit trust groups on 14th October 1984 underlined this: "Every one of the 25 groups managed to make money during the various periods assessed, and the pay-off naturally improved the longer the time the managers had at their disposal. The best returns were shown over 10 years, with Framlington outstanding. It showed a £1,462 pay-off from a £100 investment, which put it head and shoulders above the others over the period. Framlington also led the rest over nine, eight, seven and six years."

HOW TO INVEST
To purchase units in Framlington Monthly Income Fund you must complete an application form and send it to us with your cheque. The details of your bank account must be included. Units are allocated at the price ruling on receipt of your application.

The minimum initial investment is £2,000. Subsequent additions must be for at least £1,000. Investments of £15,000 or more qualify for a bonus of 14% additional units, as do units issued in exchange for shares or other unit trusts.

Your first distribution will be made on the next distribution day after your units have been held for one month.

GENERAL INFORMATION
Applications will be acknowledged, certificates will be sent by the registrars, Lloyds Bank Plc, normally within a week.

OFFER OF UNITS
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Canada trust offer

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may not be suitable, or among the best performers. Touche Remnant will manage your assets within the insurance trust - called The Flexible Family Trust - and can offer everything from direct investment in shares to unit trusts for the smaller investor. Norwich Union provides the insurance element in the package.

Accident card

What did you do last time a motorist went into the back of your car on an icy road? A survey carried out by Legal & General revealed that most people parked. Almost two in five would not ask for the other driver's name, some 30 per cent were not prepared to ask for the name of the other driver's insurer and only 8 per cent would remember to take note of any road signs, markings and the position of the cars.

Courses for women

Miss Susan Fieldman an enterprising young collector, has put together some courses on money, specifically for women. Money Matters half-day seminars are to be held on London in March and April and include such topics as "An Introduction to Stocks and Shares" (March 7), "Women and Money - Budget Special" (March 23), "Marriage and Divorce" (April 27) and "Your Money and the Law" (April 27). Miss Fieldman's team includes experts on tax and insurance, Miss Celia Denon, a chartered accountant, Miss Pauline Hedges, a bank manager and Miss Ailsa Beyer, a stock broker.



"For a bargain price, it has an exceptionally open outlook, very quiet neighbours, and it qualifies for this month's special offer - absolutely free flood insurance."

Covenants fear

Fast and good are said to be the motivating factors behind investment decisions. The insurance companies are making a great deal of mileage out of people's fear of what the Chancellor might do away with in his coming Budget. "Could covenants be next?" asks Continental Life in its latest monthly review, in an attempt to whip up enthusiasm for covenants linked to an investment in a Continental Life policy.

Lazards launch

Many experts believe that European companies are underrated and that this is the area to look at for profits in the coming year. Lazard Brothers & Co. which is launching an offshore fund specializing in this area, says: "We are confident that a major recovery in European economies is not only partially reflected in the stock markets of continental Europe."

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The portfolio of the new fund will be weighted in favour of undervalued companies with above average growth potential in the greater and less researched markets in continental Europe and Scandinavia, says Lazards.

The fund is denominated in US dollars and the minimum subscription is \$1,000. Full details can be had from Lazard Brothers & Co. 21 Moorfields, London EC2P 2HT. (Tel: 01-588 2721).

Midland offer

Midland Bank is offering free business banking if already offers free banking to customers that a major recovery in credit to anyone taking part in the Enterprise Allowance Scheme, operated by the Manpower Services Commission. The scheme was set up to help unemployed people create their own job. To qualify you have to have been unemployed or under formal notice of redundancy, for at least 13 weeks, be receiving unemployment or supplementary benefit and be able to show that you have £1,000 available to invest in the new business. Successful

applicants are given an Enterprise Allowance of £40 a week for a year while they are building up their business. Anyone on the Enterprise Allowance Scheme will be offered free banking - regardless of whether their account is in credit or overdrawn, during the 52 week period of the Enterprise Allowance.

NatWest launch

High interest cheque book accounts are the flavour of the month for any self-respecting financial institution and NatWest is latest in the long line of launches. The minimum balance to open a NatWest Special Reserve Account is £2,000. The interest paid on deposits of between £2,000 and £10,000 is 11.75 per cent, rising to 12 per cent once you reach £10,000.

The account cannot be used like a current account because the minimum deposit or withdrawal is £25. However, holders of a Special Reserve Account who also have an ordinary current account will qualify for free banking so long as the current account is kept in credit. The account is not however such an attractive offer as C.bank Savings Cheque Plus account which provides full cheque book facilities (with no restrictions on the amount cheques are made out for) and offers money market interest rates.

INSURANCE

GA starts unit linked schemes

General Accident, best known for its household and motor insurance policies, has always offered life policies, through its subsidiary Yorkshire General, but is now expanding into the unit linked and savings field with the launch of three investment plans.

Then new schemes are a single premium investment bond called the Escalator Investment Bond, the Personal Retirement Bonus Plan and the Executive Bonus Plan.

Investors can choose any six of ten unit-linked funds, including a UK Equity Fund, Japan Smaller Companies, Managed Fixed Interest, Index Linked, Cash Depositor, Property, International, American or Japan funds. As with similar products, there is a facility to switch all or part of the investment between funds, though holdings cannot be held in more than six funds at any one time.

The drawback is that the charges seem a little steep. There is the usual front-end charge of 5 per cent, with an additional "rounding" charge of not more than 1 per cent. On top of this there is the annual management charge of 0.75 per cent, again fairly standard, but there is also a fee of £12 a year, for each bond bought. However, life assurance cover that is not needed is not obligatory, but an optional extra.

The unitized funds are to be managed by Edinburgh Fund Managers, in which General Accident has a 10 per cent stake.

Minimum investment in the investment bond or pension policies is £1,000, or £250 a year for regular premium investments.

Details from General Accident Linked Life Assurance Limited, 20-24 Addiscombe Road, Croydon, CR9 5BS. Tel: 01 686 0411.

Inheritance trust

Yet another version of the popular inheritance trusts, which are designed to avoid Capital Transfer Tax, has been launched by Touche Remnant, the fund manager, in conjunction with Norwich Union. Similar to the other inheritance trusts, it has the advantage that you are not locked into the insurance bonds of one insurance company. Most of these inheritance trusts are promoted by individual insurance companies and if you use their scheme, you have to invest in their insurance bonds - which may or

SHARE FLOTATION

Out of pocket with Telecom application

As British Telecom shares soared to another record high this week, there are still some investors, surprising as it may seem, who are not at all happy about the way the issue has gone. One of them is Mr Alan Barnett, the payroll and pensions administrator at British Aerospace, itself ironically one of the Government's privatization success stories.



Mr Barnett trying to sort out issues over the telephone

Through no fault of his own, Mr Barnett fears he could end up badly out of pocket as a result of trying to buy BT shares. So he could two other members of his family - and it seems there may well be others in the same boat.

Mr Barnett's cautionary tale goes like this. He, his wife and his daughter all applied for shares in the BT issue - a total of 3,600 shares. Though they did not get all the shares they wanted, their applications were accepted and their three cheques - totalling £1,800 - were cashed, two facts which have since been confirmed in writing by the registrar's departments of two of the receiving banks in the issue, Lloyds and Bank of Scotland.

The problem is that the letters of acceptance acknowledging Mr Barnett and his family's title to the shares never arrived. They are presumed to have been lost in the post, something which the Bank of Scotland's registrar told Mr Barnett had been the common occurrence.

There is a procedure for obtaining a duplicate letter of acceptance - but there is also a catch - to get the duplicate you have to sign a form indemnifying British Telecom and the bank from any claim that might arise on the missing acceptance letter, for example if it was stolen and sold to an innocent third party.

Not unreasonably, Mr Barnett objects to this. He says he has been given legal advice that

if he signs - and a claim is made - he could end up having to buy more shares in the market which at today's 50p price (125p against the 50p issue price) could be an expensive option.

My family and I are out of pocket to the tune of £1,800

Until and unless he signs, however, the banks are refusing to issue any duplicate acceptance letters. What is more, without the indemnity, they would not even send him a refund for the shares he failed to get in the original sealing down of applications. The benefit of

the interest on that money is going to the banks. Legally Mr Barnett cannot say he does not want his British Telecom shares after all since his application was contractually binding.

Mr Barnett is not pleased. "My family and I are out of pocket to the tune of £1,800 and so far we have nothing to show for it. If we do sign the form to ensure we get our refund and new letters of acceptance, we have got to take the risk having to pay for the shares twice over."

The banks, however, are standing firm. They say they are not to blame if the letters have gone missing.

Jonathan Davis

A forced move could be of benefit

Taxpayers are missing out on a little known tax benefit which has been granted to civil servants, but is also available to anyone who is obliged by his or her employer to change job location.

When the company you work for decides that it wants to move you to another location there is not a lot that can be done. The disruption is not always limited to the traditional problems associated with moving house and going to an entirely different community.

In cases where the move is from an area where the cost of housing is low, such as the North of England, to a higher priced area, such as London, it can result in a substantial additional financial burden. There is a little known Revenue practice which allows employees who are forced to move by their

company a tax free allowance of up to £474 a year. It is essential that the property into which you move is of a similar standard to that where you previously lived. If you move from a two-bedroom flat to a four-bedroom detached house the benefit will not be allowed. There is bound to be a degree of subjectivity in terms of assessing the quality of the area into which you move but generally the rule is that if you move from a three-bedroom semi-detached house in Durlington to a three-bedroom detached house in Hampstead then the allowance will be available.

This practice has not been widely publicized. To qualify for the relief, which will range from between £237 and £474, the employee must be asked to move by his company. Naturally, it is also

necessary to move to a more expensive part of the country. The Revenue monitors house prices regularly and the level of tax free allowance will be based on guidelines derived from these prices.

The allowance is granted over a five-year period and reduces annually on a sliding scale. It only applies, however, to the additional mortgage repayments or house rental payments which are incurred as a result of the move.

This allowance is totally separate from the traditional concessions which are associated with the physical process of moving. It is already widely known and accepted that removal expenses paid for by the company will not be assessed by the Revenue as a benefit in kind on the employee.

One of the reasons why this particular allowance is not

widely known is that it is classified by the Revenue as a practice. It is therefore, not embodied in legislation or made known publicly through the extra statutory concession process.

Reference to the practice has been made in some tax guides but has often escaped unnoticed because the general principles of the allowance tend to contradict the traditional approach to taxation.

If you are likely to be asked by your employer to move it is therefore worth inquiring about the allowance. It is clear that the conditions attached to it are quite strict and in order to avoid missing the allowance on a technicality it is advisable for the company to approach the Revenue to establish the exact terms which must be applied in order for employees to qualify.

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A rosy decade for the top

If you had invested £100 in a building society ordinary share account 10 years ago it would now be worth £213.57 - but if that £100 had been invested with the best performing unit trust for more than 10 years it would be worth 10 times that amount of £2,220.



Milford: problems arising out of own success. Stafford: no need to join in the scramble

Ten years of bullish stock markets have given unit trusts rosy 10-year performance figures. But it would still have been possible to invest that £100 with the worst performing unit trust over 10 years.

The top 10 are a mixed bag - there are a couple of growth funds, two equity funds, two recovery funds, a capital fund and, ironically, three income funds.

But Mr Andrew Cherniavsky, manager of Prolific's High Income Fund, which was the eighth best performer overall, admits he aimed for capital growth. "We went for capital growth in the hope that income growth would follow. If you look for high income capital growth might not follow on.

Mr Colin Callegari, who runs Schroder's £52 million income fund, has also not been aiming entirely for income. He is looking to manufacturing industry to take advantage of the cheap pound.

"There is still mileage in engineering, financial, banking and general insurance companies." His fund has pursued a policy of seeking out undervalued stocks with a high yield and these have proved to be good bets for takeover bids.

But as Miss Kirsty MacMaster, the manager of Allied's Recovery Fund, points out,

looking specifically for bid targets is like looking for the proverbial needle in a haystack. She runs a high turnover trust which until nearly a year ago was managed by Mr Harry Littlefair, deputy managing director of Allied.

"Dealing actively with a short list is a recipe for disaster"

There are few pure recovery stocks in her books - she prefers to find companies where profits have already recovered but the market has not yet recognized them. She has turned her back on Dunlop because it has shot to a "silly price" but she has plumped for the giant GEC

because she believes it is undervalued. For the future, she is looking at the construction sector, textiles and oil stocks. "They are so-bombed-out with low ratings and good yields that although the macro picture on oil prices is not too good, it is a genuine recovery situation."

Antony Milford, who until recently ran Framlington's Income Fund, said the fund is suffering from its own success because when it was small it could invest more easily in small companies offering high yields but now that it stands at more than £30 million pounds it is forced to invest in larger companies.

But in compensation, the smaller companies no longer offer such attractive yields. Like all the other successful income funds the policy was never to go

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You can always buy income growth if you need it.

The yield on his fund is running at about 8 per cent, with dividends up 40 per cent in the last year.

Unlike many managers with funds in the 10-year top 10, Mr Cherniavsky is willing to take a

Overall best performing unit trusts over 10 years - £100 invested to 1.1.85

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THE PERFORMANCE In December 1983, the Mercury European Fund was launched. At the end of December 1984, it headed the performance table of unit trusts investing in continental Europe - having achieved growth in unit value of 26.2% over twelve months.

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THE PROSPECTS The outlook for continental European stockmarkets in 1985 is promising. Economic recovery continues, there is optimism about the prospects for company profits and inflation remains low. In addition, most governments are pursuing economic policies favourable to the industrial sector. Nevertheless, stock prices in many of the markets are still at reasonable levels and buying interest is likely to be seen from overseas investors as well as from domestic European institutions.

THE MANAGERS Investment in continental Europe is complicated and Mercury as part of Warburg Investment Management, has long experience of investing in this area. Warburg's fund managers have particularly close links with the European markets and have successfully managed funds investing in Europe for many years. Warburg Investment Management is one of the leading investment groups in the United Kingdom, with more than £7,000 million under management in the UK and overseas.

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Scientific approach wins



David McDaniel: Little detailed knowledge, but "Japan has a good economy, so it seemed a sensible choice."

The winners of The Times Unit Trust competition for 1984 include a schoolboy aged 16, the director of a firm of public relations and a professional fund manager. Unlike last year's winners, all of whom admitted to somewhat random choice, this year's winners of the £500 first prize were all more scientific in their approach, with strong reasons for their choice of funds.

Mr Leo Cavendish, a director of Good Relations PR company, beat all comers with his choice of Touche Remnant Smaller Companies Fund, which he backed because of its inside knowledge. "Touche Remnant is one of our clients, so I was betting on one of my own horses."

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This could, for example, allow the fund to invest in a "small" oil company which, by other standards, would be considered fairly large.

Winners of the "Under-18" and "Professional Adviser" categories, however, both reached that position by backing Fidelity Japan, which came fifth overall in the unit trust performance table.

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THE TIMES UNIT TRUST COMPETITION

The current value of £100 invested to January 1985 on an offer-to-offer price basis, net income reinvested. Statistics provided by Planned Savings.

Table with 4 columns: Panel Member, First Choice, Second Choice, Third Choice. Lists various unit trusts and their performance metrics.

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FAMILY MONEY

but misses the high fliers

because it means the management is good.

She maintains that it is all very well trying to pick the best performing fund in order to win a competition, but real investors are better going for consistency rather than the high-fliers.

She was, however, disappointed with her third choice, the Fidelity Gilt and Fixed Interest Trust, which grew by only 5 per cent. "I had expected interest rates to fall more than they in fact did last year. But I still think it will do well this year," she said optimistically.

Overall, our contestants did well with their choices - our panel of experts did not get past the starting line by comparison. There was very little to choose between the panel members' first choices.

Mr Peter Edwards, of Premier Unit Trust Brokers, took the lead with Henderson Japan Special Situations, which notched up a 14.8 per cent gain. Worst performer was Mr Mark Searle, of Richards Langstaff, whose choice of G1 Far East showed a miserable 2.0 per cent gain over the 11 months.

The rules of the competition - only the first choice is taken into consideration unless there is a tie - do make it difficult. Mr Peter Hargreaves, of Hargreaves Lansdown, like two of our contestants, also picked Fidelity Japan - but it was his second choice.

Similarly, Peter Edwards's second choice of Schroder Japan turned in a better performance, with a 26.5 per cent gain, than his first choice of Henderson Japan Special Situations.

Overall loser is Mr Searle. He is removed from the panel and replaced this year by Mr Charles Fry, of Johnson Fry.



Mr Cavendish, backed his own inside knowledge Miss Mary Blair felt it crucial to pick successful fund managers.

COMPETITION WINNERS

Table with columns for General, Professional advisers, Under 18's, and Their Chances and Value at December 31, 1984. Lists names like Mr J J Cavendish, Mr R L Evans, Mr R K Rogers, etc.

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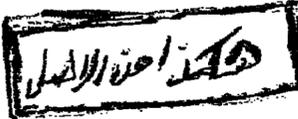
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The Times Unit Trust Competition 1985

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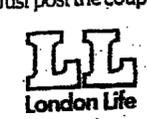
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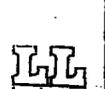
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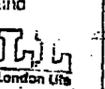


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Celtic given £18,500 fine and a 'silent night' tie

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

Celtic were yesterday fined 50,000 Swiss francs (about £18,500) and ordered to stage their next European tie at Parkhead behind closed doors. The punishment was imposed by UEFA after incidents in the second leg of the Cup Winners' Cup second round against Rapid Vienna, played at their insistence at Old Trafford last month.

Dougan and director stand down

Wolverhampton Wanderers confirmed yesterday that Derek Dougan, their once popular player, has stood down as chairman John Starkey, the chief executive with Allied Properties, who own the struggling second division club, has also resigned from the board.

Dougan's resignation comes two and a half years after he led the £2 million takeover by Allied, who saved the club from extinction in the face of large debts.

In a statement confirming the resignations, the club said they wished to emphasize "the owners are not in any negotiations with any parties at the present time." The statement contradicted reports that a wealthy consortium of businessmen were making a £5 million takeover bid for the club.

Dougan, before his resignation, had lost the support of Allied Properties and of his fellow directors apart from Starkey who publicly pledged his support for Dougan.



Dougan: 30-month reign

Sue Mott previews Sunday's publicity-soaked Super Bowl

Hype thicker than defences faces star quarterbacks

For the American sports fan it is the best of times, it is the worst of times. Only one day away from Super Bowl XIX at Stanford stadium in California, one day away from an end to the agony of anticipation and to the sometimes excruciating advance coverage on television and in the newspapers.

On the threshold of the National Football League Cup Final between the Miami Dolphins and the San Francisco 49ers, which is costing the NFL \$9 million to stage, ABC-TV \$15 million for the rights, and television advertisers a landmark \$1 million per minute, the public is being told about Miami nose tackle Bob Baumhower's pet parrot, Ralph.

The problem is, of course, that demand for Super Bowl news far outstrips supply. In Palo Alto, just outside San Francisco, where the game kicks off at 11.15 pm GMT on Sunday, 2,000 desperate journalists are struggling to avoid saying the obvious. This Super Bowl, in its nineteenth year, promises the most intriguing duel of quarterbacks in its history, a match of photogenic attacking entertainment, and a battle of wits and nerve between two of the game's most artful coaches: Miami's Don Shula and Bill Walsh of the 49ers.

While such a thing, however, is considered supremely naive in media circles. It is felt that anyone who can read NFL statistics can deduce for himself that the 49ers, losing only one game this season, and Miami, with 16 wins and two losses, are the best teams in the League. One glimpse of the 23-year-old Dolphin quarterback Dan Marino's astonishing tally of records this season—including 55 touchdowns passes, most passing yards and most completions—would be enough to assure anyone that the San Francisco quarterback, Joe Montana, a six-year-old NFL veteran, will be matched for talent at the other end.

Between all the waffle there has been barely space to note that the 49ers' cunning, strong and mobile defence gives them the edge on paper over Miami, whose own defenders, collectively known as the "Killer Bees", rank a lowly 17th in the 28-club league.

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captured live on television, and that the recorded highlights must not exceed three minutes. A spokesman yesterday confirmed that "the idea is to punish the spectators of Celtic, rather than the club itself."

Two seasons ago Aston Villa opened their defence of the European Cup against Besiktas inside an empty stadium and their followers later caught only a glimpse of their 3-1 win on the small screen.

Nor is it the first time a British club has been hurt by hooligans. Within the last dozen years Rangers and Leeds United have been suspended from European competition, Tottenham Hotspur and Manchester United were ordered to play outside their own homes, and more recently West Ham United, as well as Villa, have held matches in front of ghostly audiences. It is a long and shameful record.

Although Celtic will, through the loss of gate revenue, pay a heavy financial penalty in addition to the fine, they can be considered to have escaped lightly. At the beginning of the season UEFA warned that, in an attempt to curb crowd violence, they would not hesitate to ban any club whose supporters were found guilty of misbehaviour.

As UEFA recognize in Celtic's case, a sentence that affects so many does not necessarily fit a crime committed by so few. It is to be hoped that clubs, if they can see through the alcoholic haze, will respond to the judgement. UEFA are unlikely, on any future occasion, to be so generous.

Harrison included

Wayne Harrison, the Oldham forward for whom Liverpool have paid £250,000, is among 49 players called up for England Youth training at Lilleshall from February 2 to 4. Other members of the squad include Jason Dozzell, the Ipswich forward

disappeared with the decision of the UEFA disciplinary committee who have just finished their meeting in Zurich.

Meanwhile, the wintry weather has again taken heavy toll of premier division fixtures. But Aberdeen, refreshed by their break in the Egyptian sunshine and a skilful display against Ipswich, are favourites to beat Rangers, as they continue to disappointment at Pittodrie.

Rangers will field Derek Johnstone, their former captain, who has just returned from Chelsea, in the attack, but Aberdeen, who have regained much of the sharpness which helped them win the championship last season, should consolidate their already comfortable position.

Hibernian, who gained their best result of the season by beating Rangers at Ibrox last week, can edge towards safety by taking two points from Dundee at Dens Road, where the electric blanket has ensured football can be played.

Maltese still in dispute

VALLETTA (Reuters) - The Malta Football Association (MFA) has suspended premier league matches for an indefinite period in response to a strike mounted two weeks ago by the league's eight clubs.

The clubs announced last Sunday that they had called off the strike, but the MFA president, George Abela, said: "We want to hear them declare that they were mistaken and they will have to promise their loyalty to the association. If not, their place is not within this association."

Four of the eight clubs refused to play two weekends ago in support of demands for a bigger share of gate money, which they share with the MFA, and Sunday matches to boost falling gate receipts. The other four clubs refused to play last Saturday.

● SINGAPORE (AFP) - North Korea returns to international football after a two-year absence when they take on Singapore in a World Cup Asian Zone qualifying group four fixture here today. The North Koreans were banned for two years in December 1982 following a fight in an Asian Games semi-final in Delhi.

Chelsea's gamble could pay dividend

By Clive White

Those clubs who will find themselves temporarily redundant this weekend - 72 at the last count - may not be in agreement at a decision of remarkable consistency by the French football federation to postpone their entire first division matches today, including some matches that might have gone ahead.

However the French decision to extend their three-week winter break by another week was taken in the cosy knowledge that their championship is smaller, their competitors fewer, in England our clubs must grab what chance they have of fitting in an absurdly crowded programme.

Last night 10 Canon Football League clubs were clinging to the hope of skating around the freeze, but only a few could feel confident of staying their fixtures. Highfield Road and Anfield again expect their usual level of attendance, but the destructive intentions of Jack Frost.

Industrial heaters and plastic sheets helped the Stamford Bridge pitch through yesterday afternoon's inspection and the derby between Chelsea and Arsenal - the only London game in a 90-mile radius - will proceed at 2pm if there is no heavy overnight snow.

The £10,000 gamble on heating costs could pay off with double normal receipts from a 42,000 crowd. Queen's Park Rangers, who held the London stage last week, look record receipts of 280,000 from a crowd of 27,000. Some others who weakly succumbed to the awkward ways of nature may look on cynically.

Arsenal, for whom Sansom has recovered from his groin strain, would - if they won - jump over idling Manchester United and Sheffield Wednesday into third place in the league.

Manchester City, who themselves nurture hopes of reaching the top six.

Ken Brown, the Norwich manager, says his squad are the best he has had at Carrow Road and they travel with some optimism after a win and a draw on their last two visits. But he will be without his injured England defender, Watson, formerly of Liverpool. They may be caught on the rebound by the Merseysiders on their return from the midweek European Super Cup defeat in Turin. Dalgligh returns and Lawrenson may be fit.

Crucial promotion second division matches at the undersoil heated grounds of Leeds, United, and Manchester City are likely to go on and Portsmouth are hopeful of playing at Middlesbrough. Typically, Brian Clough has taken Nottingham Forest to the Canaries.

The Midland sports writers are holding a celebration party in honour of his 10 years at the City Ground. And equally perverse, Luton Town, too, have flown off to a warmer climate - Iceland, where they are enjoying spring-like temperatures.

Jones, on the other hand, the experts say, is too slow, unable to make openings and above all is losing his appetite, he only in it for the money, on the decline, even looking too serene.

One London bookmaker, Ivor Thomas, who sent out an excellent round by round summary of how the bout will unfold, together with prices, said: "When Jones went home to Wales, he went out in the betting. You've got to be mean when you are fighting for a world title, not looking for a middle with the family." On his book, Curry is 11-4 on and Jones 2-1.

I have lost count of the number of people I have spoken



Colin Jones: too slow, unable to make openings

BOXING



Curry: cannot afford to let Jones take charge of the proceedings

Jones must come out of shell to break Curry's confidence

By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent

In the valleys they say that Colin Jones is looking so good that they feel sorry for Don Curry, of the United States, the World Boxing Association champion, who defends his title against the tough Welshman at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, tonight.

But people in high places say that Jones's last is as mountainous as Wales itself.

Apart from Curry's record very little is known in this country about the champion's boxing ability. So far as I know, only six people in Britain have seen Curry in action in the flesh and the pundits have had to lean heavily on American opinion.

The Americans say that he is a Sugar Ray Leonard in the making, though I always believed that Leonard was born made. They say that he has fast hands and too many shots for the Welshman.

"Watch that right. He draws you into the attacks and whips it over the top. Doesn't waste a blow. The best pound for pound fighter in the world."

The hyperboles fight to outdo each other until the inquirer feels he has been in the ring with the champion himself.

They are getting worried there in Boston we have heard because Hagler is getting old and they are fighting for the first time someone they are not sure of beating. Tommy Hearns, the former world formula one champion, retired in protest at the increasing risks having to be taken in pursuit of higher speeds.

The drivers' protest prompted the Union of International Motorboat racing (UIM), the sport's governing body, to encourage urgent investigations into safety aspects of boats, the circuits and the racing rules.

Tests have been carried out on a cabin capsule which, it is hoped, will be shatterproof. This will completely enclose the driver, giving him better protection in a crash. Jenkins would like to see the capsule fitted with its own oxygen supply, which would keep the driver alive if he were unconscious and trapped under water.

The capsule was dropped repeatedly from a helicopter on to a lake in the Midlands and stood up

distinguished amateur career with 405 bouts and five or so defeats. Steward, who worked closely with amateurs, said Curry was a very nervous boxer who lacked confidence after a bad defeat by a Cuban, called Aldama, and thereafter had to be steered clear of international bouts as far as possible.

It was clear from Steward's view that a hard veneer of confidence has been built up around the champion and if Jones can crack it, he will win. "Curry is very different these days," Steward said. "He is very good, very accurate, very methodical, never loses a chance. And if Jones stays safe, blocking, blocking, blocking, Curry will stop him. He will go for the body and make Jones bring his guard down."

Will Jones then throw those left hooks from the start, Curry will go on the defensive and Jones will win. But I don't think Jones will come out from behind his guard. Jones should have been the world champion in Las Vegas. He hurt McCrory and Milton and was dead the next round but Jones did nothing. If Curry wins we will fight him in June. If Jones wins we will take him in the fall."

Curry, in the meantime, has already made his fight plan and is so sure of winning that he does not mind who knows it. "I'll bust him up, cut him up and back him up. He cannot fight going backward. For the first couple of rounds I will not go out as fast as I normally do. I will be in the defensive role and I may try and clip him early with something heavy."

"He's a durable guy, but he is at the age when you get kinda worried about some of your abilities starting to fade a little. Jones says he is fighting for his family, his friends and his miners. If you are going to win you have to do it for yourself. That's what I will do and I will win inside the distance."

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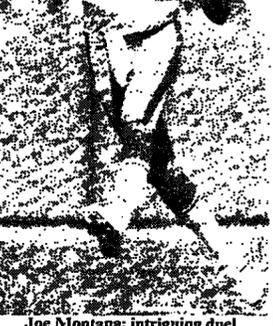
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Joe Montana: intriguing duel

Wengen, Switzerland (Reuters) - Helmut Hochelehner, of Austria, won his second World Cup downhill race of the season on the Lauberhorn course here yesterday. He now shares the lead in the downhill standings with Pirmin Zurbriggen, the Swiss skier who has been out of action since injuring a knee ligament in winning the two downhill races in Kitzbuehel, last week.

Hochelehner won by 0.11 sec from Franz Heinzer of Switzerland and another Austrian, Peter Winkensberger, who had had three third place finishes in four World Cup downhill races. With four finishes in the first seven, the Austrian team made a brilliant return after the humiliation of Kitzbuehel.

Heinzer was fastest to the second intermediate stage yesterday but a storming finish carried Hochelehner to victory. Now snow and a rise in temperature kept times well outside the course record.

The Olympic downhill champion, Bill Johnson, of the United States scored two seconds behind the winner.

Yesterday's downhill replaced an event scheduled for Bormio, in Italy, last month. It was switched to Wengen because of lack of snow, and the Lauberhorn proper will be held over the same course today.

RESULTS: 1. H. Hochelehner (Austria), 2min 38.04sec; 2. P. Winkensberger (Austria), 2:38.15; 3. B. Johnson (USA), 2:38.26; 4. P. Winkensberger (Austria), 2:38.37; 5. P. Luetzsch (Switzerland), 2:38.48; 6. P. Luetzsch (Switzerland), 2:38.59; 7. P. Luetzsch (Switzerland), 2:39.10; 8. P. Luetzsch (Switzerland), 2:39.21; 9. P. Luetzsch (Switzerland), 2:39.32; 10. P. Luetzsch (Switzerland), 2:39.43; 11. P. Luetzsch (Switzerland), 2:39.54; 12. P. Luetzsch (Switzerland), 2:39.65; 13. P. Luetzsch (Switzerland), 2:39.76; 14. P. Luetzsch (Switzerland), 2:39.87; 15. P. Luetzsch (Switzerland), 2:39.98; 16. P. Luetzsch (Switzerland), 2:40.09; 17. P. Luetzsch (Switzerland), 2:40.20; 18. P. Luetzsch (Switzerland), 2:40.31; 19. P. Luetzsch (Switzerland), 2:40.42; 20. P. Luetzsch (Switzerland), 2:40.53; 21. P. Luetzsch (Switzerland), 2:40.64; 22. P. Luetzsch (Switzerland), 2:40.75; 23. P. Luetzsch (Switzerland), 2:40.86; 24. P. Luetzsch (Switzerland), 2:40.97; 25. P. 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Saturday

Television and radio programmes

Summaries: Peter Dear, Peter Davalle

Sunday

BBC 1

- 30 The Perishers (r) 8.35 The Littlest Hobo (r) 9.00 Saturday Sports...

tv-am

- 6.15 Good Morning Britain, presented by Mike Morris. News at 6.25, 7.00 and 8.00.

ITV/LONDON

- 9.25 LWT Information, 9.30 Cartoon Time, 9.35 Scooby, Scrappy and Yabba Doo.



Jerzy Stuhr in the carnival dance sequence from the As Years Pass. As the Hours Pass (Channel 4, 8.15pm)

BBC 2

- 9.00 Ceefax. 10.10 Open University: Start Your Own Business...

CHANNEL 4

- 1.05 Everybody Here (r). 1.30 The Making of Britain. Part two of Dr Anne Duggan's second series...

BBC 1

- 8.55 The Flumps. For the very young (r). 9.10 de Bono's Thinking Course...

tv-am

- 6.55 Good Morning Britain presented by David Frost. News at 7.00, 8.00 and 8.05.

ITV/LONDON

- 9.25 LWT Information, 9.30 Under Fives. Gordon Burns examines early childhood and its importance (r).



Robert Kingswell and Julia Walters in Gavin Miller's Screen Two film Unfair Exchanges (BBC 2, 10.05pm)

BBC 2

- 9.00 Ceefax. 10.20 Open University: Science Foundation Course: Preparatory Maths - Graphs...

CHANNEL 4

- 1.05 Irish Angle talks to the parents of the children who are the subjects of a tag of love battle.

Radio 4

- On long wave... 5.55 Shipping. 6.00 News Briefing: Weather. 6.10 Proliferate.

Radio 3

- 6.55 Weather. 7.00 News. 7.05 Abschied: Suite in G major by Brahms. Walton's suite Richard III (composer conducting)...

Radio 2

- 6.55 David Jacobs: 10.00 Sounds of the 50s. 11.00 The Night in Concert. Chris de Burgh at Hamilton Place, Toronto (r).

Radio 1

- 6.55 Shipping. 6.55 News Briefing: Weather. 6.10 Proliferate. 6.15 News. 6.20 News Briefing: Weather.

Radio 4

- 6.55 Shipping. 6.55 News Briefing: Weather. 6.10 Proliferate. 6.15 News. 6.20 News Briefing: Weather.

Radio 3

- 6.55 Weather. 7.00 News. 7.05 English Chamber Orchestra (conducted by Enrique Garcia Asensio and Raymond Leppard)...

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Radio 1

- 6.55 Shipping. 6.55 News Briefing: Weather. 6.10 Proliferate. 6.15 News. 6.20 News Briefing: Weather.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

- 3BC 1 Wales 12.15-12.55pm Grandstand, incl 12.50 News; acting from Haydock and Rugby Union...

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

- SCOTTISH As London except: 9.25-9.35am Caravan. 11.20-12.15pm Battershall Galactica.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

- CENTRAL As London except: 9.25am-9.35pm Adventures Of The Blue Knight. 11.20-12.15pm Chap. 1:0 Film: Paddy's Day (Francisco Ariza). 12.45am Closedown.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

- CHANNEL As London except: 9.25am-9.35pm Caravan. 11.20-12.15pm Tarzan. 5.00pm Film: Movie Murderer. 12.35am Closedown.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

- BBC 1 Wales 1.50-2.50pm Weekend Rugby Union. 2.55-4.35 Film: High Society. 11.45-11.55pm News.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

- CENTRAL As London except: 9.25am-9.35pm Caravan. 11.20-12.15pm Tarzan. 5.00pm Film: Movie Murderer. 12.35am Closedown.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

- IS4C Starts 2.15pm Living Body. 2.45pm Sunday Cinema. 3.15pm Film: Pigeon of Alexander Graham Bell. 5.00pm Sports and Cream 5.30pm Business Programme. 6.15 Super Bowl '85. 7.15pm Healer Dawn. 7.20pm News. 7.25pm Newsnight. 7.30pm Gull. 8.10pm Rhapsody. 8.15pm Duet. 8.20pm Duet. 8.25pm Duet. 8.30pm Duet. 8.35pm Duet. 8.40pm Duet. 8.45pm Duet. 8.50pm Duet. 8.55pm Duet. 9.00pm Duet. 9.05pm Duet. 9.10pm Duet. 9.15pm Duet. 9.20pm Duet. 9.25pm Duet. 9.30pm Duet. 9.35pm Duet. 9.40pm Duet. 9.45pm Duet. 9.50pm Duet. 9.55pm Duet. 10.00pm Duet. 10.05pm Duet. 10.10pm Duet. 10.15pm Duet. 10.20pm Duet. 10.25pm Duet. 10.30pm Duet. 10.35pm Duet. 10.40pm Duet. 10.45pm Duet. 10.50pm Duet. 10.55pm Duet. 11.00pm Duet. 11.05pm Duet. 11.10pm Duet. 11.15pm Duet. 11.20pm Duet. 11.25pm Duet. 11.30pm Duet. 11.35pm Duet. 11.40pm Duet. 11.45pm Duet. 11.50pm Duet. 11.55pm Duet. 12.00pm Duet. 12.05pm Duet. 12.10pm Duet. 12.15pm Duet. 12.20pm Duet. 12.25pm Duet. 12.30pm Duet. 12.35pm Duet. 12.40pm Duet. 12.45pm 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